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Whither Valley Road? Building's Future Remains To Be Decided

At a recent meeting of the Princeton Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), member Elric J. Endersby expressed concern about the Valley Road Building, where it appears that little or no maintenance is being done. He wondered if this neglect was a deliberate effort to force the tearing-down of the building, parts of which date back to 1910. The building currently houses the Princeton Regional School Board's administrative offices, as well as Corner House Counseling Center, the Princeton Township Affordable Housing office, Princeton Young Achievers, and Princeton Community Television ("TV 30").

Mr. Endersby's comments came in the context of a report about a conference he'd just attended, where he was particularly struck by a discussion that criticized the tradition, dating from the 1950s, of tearing down old school structures and building completely new ones in their place. "The quality of the old structures is lost," he commented, giving an example in which older, sturdier windows from a razed building ultimately came to the rescue when a new building's windows failed.

HPC Vice-Chair Julie Capozzoli said she thought that a proposal regarding the disposition of the Valley Road building was "in the works," although no one at the meeting knew any details. There was a general consensus that the HPC should be involved in whatever planning is going on. A potential conflict surfaced when Mr. Endersby suggested that the Township's Environmental Commission should be brought in as well, and someone pointed out that sustainable goals are often at odds with preservation concerns.

The question of what to do with the 73,000-square-foot building located on an approximately nine-acre site at the corner of Valley Road and Witherspoon Street has been on the Princeton community's radar for some time. Back in 2001, when the Princeton area League of Women Voters used the topic "what do you think short-term and long-term plans for the Valley Road building should be?" as an opportunity for school board candidates at that time to express their thoughts on its future, Charlotte Bialek thought that, in the long term, "planning should include various community, educational or advisory services such as senior or youth services,

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SECOND GRADERS HONOR THE FLAG: Community Park second graders brightened up Friday's Spirit of Princeton Flag Day ceremony on the plaza of the Princeton Township Municipal Building. Though Flag Day officially fell on Saturday, June 14, the Spirit of Princeton held the celebration on a school day so that students could participate.

Council Approves Phase II Downtown Development

Members of Borough Council voted 5-1 to approve the set of contract "estoppel" agreements with its developer when they met in public session last week, June 10, despite concerns by one member that the legal documents make no mention of start or finish dates.

The vote gives the go-ahead to Nassau HKT Urban Renewal Associates LLC (NHKT) for the long-stalled Phase II of the downtown redevelopment project that will feature a five-story commercial/residential building (Building C) on the Tulane Street parking lot.

The signed legal documents (three estoppels and one guaranty agreement) will allow the two Princeton businessmen who are NHKT's principals, John M. Morrison and Barry W. Ridings, to secure a loan from one of three lenders who have expressed interest in the project: Sun National Bank, Provident Bank, and an unspecified third.

According to Borough Attorney Karen Cayci, the signed estoppels prevent one party from later disputing agreed upon facts.

Mr. Morrison, owner of Nassau Street Sealood, Witherspoon Grill, and other local businesses, said it would take 60 days to secure financing for the project, which is estimated to take up to 12 to 18 months to complete.

"I've worked on this for three hard years," he said, adding that during that time, NHKT had incurred considerable costs and had every incentive for moving forward and none for further delays. "We need to get moving."

Gary Green, a partner with the law firm Archer & Greiner, represented NHKT at the Council meeting. He reported that the lender would provide between \$10 and \$11 million in financing, with Mr. Morrison and Mr. Ridings contributing a minimum of \$4 million in personal equity.

Mr. Morrison and Mr. Ridings will personally guarantee the construction loan.

The Council vote follows some 18

months of ongoing dialog with NHKT as well as numerous private sessions and two public discussions on the subject.

The signed documents include a list of 13 items about which the Borough and the developer "agree to disagree," including disputes over the start date for ground rent due on Phase I and costs for repairs to the Spring Street parking garage. The 13 items are to be resolved via mediation.

Mr. Green said that such a list of disagreements was not unusual with a development project and assured the Council that the developer was keen to move ahead.

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Cleveland Lane Resident Disappointed Over Borough's Plans for Sidewalk

Borough resident Kristina Johnson was unsuccessful in her attempt to alter plans for a sidewalk to be constructed outside her home on the corner of Cleveland Lane and Lalayette Road.

Ms. Johnson, who has lived at the home for 30 years, contends that the proposed sidewalk would "bring passersby so close to the first floor windows of the home that no sense of privacy would be possible."

At last week's meeting of Council, June

10, Ms. Johnson and her attorney, Dino Spadaccini, petitioned the Mayor and members of Borough Council to reconsider plans by Borough Engineer Christopher M. Budzinski to install a sidewalk on the northern side of Cleveland Lane just live feet from the side of her home and windows.

"The action threatened by the Borough Engineer will arguably cause irrevocable harm to the environment and to

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Princeton Selected For Climate Research

After a competitive review process, Princeton University's Cooperative Institute for Climate Science has been selected as a collaborative research partner by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The institute is one of two selected partners that will join the federal agency in separate cooperative agreements. Through the arrangement, Princeton scientists will conduct research on climate change and greenhouse gases. The cooperative institute grew out of a 40-year collaboration between Princeton University's Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Program and NOAA's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory

(GFDL). That collaboration led to such advances as the development of ocean and atmospheric models, and research on climate and biogeochemical cycling.

"We are delighted to continue this dynamic, symbiotic partnership with NOAA that has done so much to advance fundamental understanding of climate over the years," said A.J. Stewart Smith, dean for research at Princeton. The cooperative agreement, he said, will allow the University to recruit some of the world's best young scientists and graduate students to work at the Cooperative Institute for Climate Science, and to collaborate with the researchers and students at GFDL. The laboratory is located on the University's Forrestal Campus.

Research activities at the Princeton institute focus primarily on understanding climate variability and change, but the institute also assists with coastal and ocean resource projects as well as weather-related programs.

"Cooperative programs like these are truly a win-win situation," said retired U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "Academic research fellows get hands-on experience working with NOAA scientists, while NOAA research programs receive the benefit of working with some of academia's best and brightest scientists."

Princeton was one of two partners selected, along with the Cooperative Institute for Arctic Research at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Princeton operates one of 21 cooperative institutes that NOAA currently supports in 17 states, focusing on research aligned with NOAA's mission goals. While the agency previously designated cooperative partners in perpetuity, it initiated a competitive review schedule four years ago, and Princeton will compete to retain its cooperative institute every five years, as all 21 NOAA institutes will compete to renew their status on a rotating schedule.



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Phil Donahue to Discuss "Body of War" at Garden

The Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) is screening the documentary, *Body of War*, at the Princeton Garden Theater at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25. A discussion with co-producer and co-writer Phil Donahue will follow the film.

Body of War is a documentary about Tomas Young, a 25-year-old Iraq war veteran, who was left paralyzed from a bullet wound to the spine after serving as a soldier in Iraq for less than a week. The story is an account of his personal and political journey in coming to terms with his injury and speaking out against the war. Footage of the October 2002 Congressional proceedings prior to the vote for war is interspersed throughout the documentary.

The film is 90 minutes long, with the in-theater discussion expected to last about 30 minutes. The evening will conclude with a Sponsor Reception with Mr. Donahue, which will include refreshments at a nearby location.

Tickets are available through the Coalition for Peace Action at www.peacecoalition.org, or by calling (609) 924-5022. Ticket holders must be seated by 6:45 p.m.

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COINS AS HISTORY AND ART: Princeton University Curator of Numismatics Alan M. Stahl was one of 190 recipients chosen from a pool of 2,600 applicants to win a Guggenheim Fellowship award this year.
(Photo by John Watako, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University)

Firestone Library's Curator of Numismatics Is Looking Forward to Research in Venice

"A medal can be a work of art," observed Alan Stahl, Princeton University Library's Curator of Numismatics, recently. "It can also be pretty trashy and commercial." With its nobler

aspects in mind, Mr. Stahl, who was just named a 2008 Guggenheim Fellow, is hoping to encourage university president Shirley Tilghman to begin the practice of issuing medals to mark special university events such as endowment campaigns.

TOPICS Of the Town

The traditional definition of numismatics, the study of currency and its history, accurately reflects what Mr. Stahl intends to do with his Guggenheim award. His project, tentatively entitled "The Nexus of Wealth and Power in Medieval Venice," explores the relationship between capitalism and republican government.

"Venice is one of the birthplaces of the institution of modern capitalism," the curator said in a recent interview. "Banking, the concept of limited liability companies, insurance — they all developed in Venice in the late Middle Ages. Venice is the only one of the Italian city-states to remain a republic into the modern era. What's the relationship?"

The Guggenheim award will enable Mr. Stahl to make three research trips to Venice where he will look at archival collections that will further his research on the relationship between the rise of capitalism and the maintenance of republican government in 14th century Venice. He has already entered over 10,000 documents in a biographical database he is creating on power and money brokers in Venice from 1375-1400.

Economic History
"Coinage is one of the keys to economic history, especially in studying antiquity and the Middle Ages where there isn't much documentation of the economy," observed Mr. Stahl. This sentiment is reflected in the current Firestone Library exhibit, which he curated. "Numismatics in the Renaissance" includes rare books, coins, medals, manuscripts, and prints and drawings from Princeton University collections that relate to the study of ancient coins in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. During a recent

tour of the exhibit with returning alumni and their families, Mr. Stahl pointed out how Renaissance artists' and thinkers' images of ancient Roman buildings were derived largely from coins, which also served as a source for maps of ancient lands for later societies. The influence of coins on the history of the book is reflected in the example of the anchor and dolphin symbol derived from ancient coins, used by Italian printer Aldus Manutius (1415-1450) for his Aldine Press.

Numismatist/Scholar

Mr. Stahl, who has curated Princeton's numismatic collection since 2004, speaks Italian, Latin, and French, and can read German and Spanish. He received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania where he studied the early Middle Ages. A second interest in archeology led to a summer seminar at the American Numismatic Society (ANS), where he immersed himself in a project

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that led to his dissertation. He remained at the ANS from 1980 until 2000 as Curator of Medieval Coins and Medals. Teaching stints at the Università di Venezia, University of Michigan, Rice University, Rutgers, and the University of Notre Dame, followed.

In addition to his current job as numismatics curator, Mr. Stahl is also co-director of the Michael of Rhodes Project at the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology at MIT, and a lecturer in Princeton's Classics Department. He recently became president of the Princeton chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, and he looks forward to welcoming "general audiences" for the six "not too-technical" talks the group will be sponsoring over the next year.

As a prospective member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, he was impressed by the "positive public response" to the new series of quarters issued by the U.S. mint, and he lauds the mint's new director as "very committed to improving the program."

A Great Collection

The University's collection of old coins is "absolutely first class," according to Mr. Stahl, and was further enhanced by the recent acquisitions of the Wu collection of Chinese coins and the purchase of an 800-piece collection of pre-Byzantine coins produced in the eastern Mediterranean. Speaking of the latter, Mr. Stahl noted that "There's no other public collection like it."

In order to keep Princeton's collection open for use by students and visitors during the academic year, Mr. Stahl plans

to carry out his Guggenheim supported research during summer and winter breaks. Among the pleasures of working at Princeton, he says, is "the student presence." He enjoys both teaching and working with undergraduates, as attested to by the presence of rising senior Rebecca Katz who

was working on some coins one recent morning in his office. Ms. Katz, a Classics major, got hooked after she took a junior colloquium in which Mr. Stahl was a speaker.

The exhibit, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," will remain open through July 20.

—Ellen Gilbert

Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

On Saturday, June 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the **Mercer County Improvement Authority** will host Household Chemical and Electronics Waste Disposal Day for county residents who would like to recycle common residential wastes or electronics. The event will take place at the Dempster Fire School, located on Bakers Basin/Lawrence Station Road, rain or shine. While no registration is necessary, it should be noted that the event is open to Mercer County residents only, and attendees will need to show proof of residency, such as a driver's license. No commercial or industrial waste will be accepted. For questions or more information, individuals should call (609) 278-8086 or via the Internet at www.mcia-nj.com. Acceptable household items include: Aerosol cans, household or car batteries, rechargeable batteries, photographic chemicals, used motor oil and oil filters, lighter fluid, propane gas tanks, pesticides/herbicides, pool chemicals, oil-based paint, paint thinners, stains/varnishes, gasoline, anti-freeze, gas/oil mixes, driveway sealer, insect repellants, mercury.

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Borough and Township residents are asked to complete the **Community Health Needs Survey** available online at www.princeton.boro.org, or www.princeton.twp.org/healthmain.html. The questionnaire, which is anonymous and takes approximately five minutes to complete, will be used to help identify "the most pressing health needs that can be addressed through community action." Once completed, it can be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed back to the Princeton Regional Health Department. For further information call (609) 497-7608.

At its membership meeting on Sunday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center, the Local Issues Committee of the **Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO)** will sponsor a forum entitled, "Should Princeton Taxpayers Continue to Subsidize Princeton University?" The PCDO will also sponsor a "Unite For Change Garden Party: Barack Obama for President," on Thursday, June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Margaret Griffin and Scott Sillars 59 Battie Road. For more information or to RSVP contact Jon Durbin at jdurbin2@verizon.net or call (609) 924-2438. — Donations can be made at the door.

With the FY09 State budget in final negotiations and passage set for June 23, **New Jersey ArtPride** encourages voters to contact elected officials and ask them to help restore State dollars for arts, history and tourism. Visit the ArtPride web site at www.artpridenj.com and click on Action Alert to locate a sample email.

Correction

In the story about Princeton University graduation ceremonies in the June 4 issue, pioneering molecular geneticist Mary-Claire King should have been mentioned among the recipients of honorary degrees. Town Topics regrets the omission.

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Minority Education Committee Previews "The Color of Fear"

The Minority Education Committee watched and discussed a documentary movie about race relations at its Monday evening meeting, giving it a two-thumbs up, and recommending that it should not only be used in the Princeton Regional Schools, but should be required viewing for municipal officers and members of the Chamber of Commerce as well.

The movie, *The Color of Fear*, made in 1994, features eight North American men of Asian, European, Latino, and

African descent speaking candidly about racism. In a series of dramatic confrontations, some discuss the pain that racism has caused them, while others reflect on the sources of their prejudices. They all ultimately emerge with a deeper sense of understanding and trust.

With a running time of 90 minutes, the film was directed by Lee Mun Wah, the founder of StirFry Seminars, a company that produces films and leads seminars about diversity. Since its release, *The Color of Fear* has

been used by participants in educational, government, corporate, and social service agency-run seminars, and is believed to have been watched by over 30 million viewers.

The Minority Education Committee advises the

Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education member Timothy Quinn is the current liaison between the committee and the school board.

Discussion in the Valley Road Building meeting room Monday night after what was agreed to be "a great film" focused on its potential use, as well as instances that reflect the continued need for

greater racial sensitivity in the community. School board member Walter Bliss emphasized his belief that "it's the anger issue that is so tough to deal with politically. It's a Catch-22; you can't fully understand the need for change without understanding the anger." Referring to municipal groups who want to move beyond racism "by pretending it just doesn't exist," he

added that, as a lawyer, he still sees "house closings in Princeton with restrictive covenants."

Former Mayor Jim Floyd said that he has asked Reverend Bob Moore, head of the Coalition for Peace Action, why he doesn't add the word "justice" to the group's name, saying that "if you can't add justice, what is it all about?"

— Ellen Gilbert



DOCUMENTING RACISM: Eight North American men, two African American, two Latinos, two Asian American, and two Caucasian were gathered by director Lee Mun Wah for the movie "The Color of Fear." The Minority Education Committee recently watched and discussed the film.



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In addition, a new \$99 one-month, unlimited "Megapass" gives new participants a chance to sample various offerings. "PCYH has the largest selection of classes in the area, so this is a really good deal," noted center director Deborah Metzger.

No fee/donation based classes at the center include OneNess Blessings, on Sundays, at 6:30 p.m., and Insight Meditation Open Houses, which will be offered next on July 19 and August 16, at 1:30 p.m.

The Center is located at the Montgomery Professional Center, 50 Vreeland Drive, Suite 506, in Skillman, off 518 West and one half mile from Route 206. For more details, call 609/924-7294 or visit www.princeton-yoga.com.

Women's Group Meeting Focuses on Development

Women in Development of Mercer County (WID), a nonprofit professional association of women in the field of development, will host a presentation by Theresa Shubeck titled "Sustaining Your Professional Spirit: Lessons Learned in the Field" at its Annual Meeting, Tuesday, June 24 at Mercer County Conference Center, 1200 Old Trenton Road in West Windsor.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with networking. Lunch and the presentation by Ms. Shubeck will follow. Members and their guests may register for the program by emailing info@widmercer.org or by calling (609) 249-5820. Lunch and the presentation will be provided to members for a registration fee of \$30, non-members, \$40.

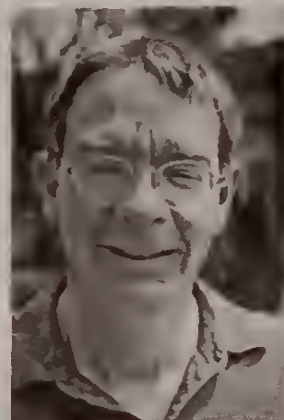
Ms. Shubeck is currently executive vice president of Ruotolo Associates, Inc. (RA), where she has worked for 13 as a counselor to non-profit organizations, including arts associations, dioceses, secondary schools, parishes, and health and social service agencies. She has received her firm's Tim Manning Culture of Excellence Award twice, as well as the 2008 Robert J. Smythe Outstanding Professional Fundraiser Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals-New Jersey Chapter. Women in Development seeks to empower and advance women as professional fundraisers through innovative programs and resources that develop skills and foster relationship-building. WID offers a yearly calendar of programs on such topics as networking, mentoring, continuing education, and specialized training that prepare women to be leaders in their field. For information on joining WID, contact WID Administrator Andrea Kelliher at (609) 249-5820 or at info@widmercer.org.

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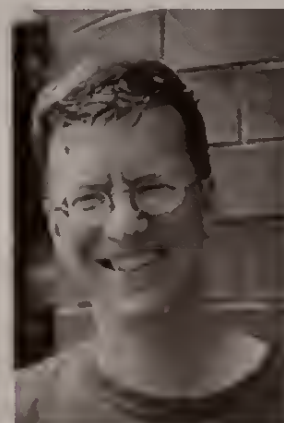
"I have *Digging to America* with Anne Tyler on audio disc. I'm a teacher so I'm going to enjoy some young adult books and maybe the new David Sedaris book."

— Betsy McClure, College Road



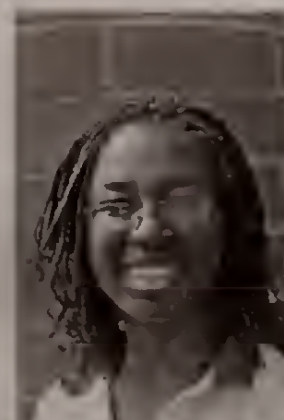
"I'll be reading *The Siege of Troy* and also *The Illustrated Man*."

— Ben Strauss, Poe Road



"I'm going to be reading the biographies of both John McCain, *Faith of My Fathers*, and Barack Obama, *Audacity of Hope*. I've started the McCain book."

— Brad Middlekauff, Hibben Road



"I'll be reading *The Kite Runner* and also *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* for class and a book called *The Host* by Stephenie Meyer."

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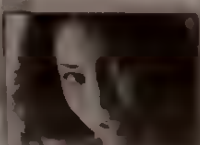
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Police Blotter

Princeton Borough

Jose Perez Garcia, 18, of Princeton, was arrested for criminal mischief on June 10, at 10:05 p.m. He was arrested after it was revealed that he and a 17 year old male had spray painted several parking meters, buildings & sidewalks. They were later released.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Vincent Garzoni, 43, of Trenton, was arrested June 7 at 12:53 p.m. for outstand-

ing warrants from Ewing Township Municipal Court and Trenton Municipal Court in the total amount of \$775. He was released on bail.

Timothy Muehleisen, 35, of Ewing, was arrested June 8 at 4:23 p.m. for an outstanding warrant from Trenton Municipal Court in the amount of \$550, subsequent to a motor vehicle accident on Prospect Ave. He was released on bail.

Duke Gamble, 61, of Trenton, was arrested on June 9 at 7:41 p.m. for outstanding warrants from Trenton, Newark and Edison Municipal Courts in the total amount of \$11,500, subsequent to a pedestrian stop on Nassau St. where the accused began shouting obscenities and gave false information

to police. He was committed in default of bail.

Jonathon Gilbert, 30, of Alabama, was arrested on June 9 at 5:24 p.m. for outstanding warrants from Princeton Borough, Princeton Township and Belmar Municipal Courts for a total of \$730, subsequent to a pedestrian stop for soliciting without a permit on Hunter Road. He was committed in default of bail.

Princeton Township

Leon Brown, 43, of Morristown, was arrested on June 12 at 1:59 a.m. Subsequent to being stopped for speeding, he was charged with driving with a suspended license and for a warrant from Trenton in the amount of \$1,500. He was unable to post bail.

Jose Wahlung, 37, of Princeton, was arrested on June 13 at 1:18 a.m. when police were called to Leigh Ave. after a report of disorderly conduct. The accused was throwing a bicycle against a mailbox and was found to be intoxicated, in possession of a controlled dangerous substance, drug paraphernalia and to have an outstanding

warrant from North Brunswick in the amount of \$750. No bail was set.

Abigail McCall, 46, of Lawrenceville, was arrested on June 15 at 12:11 a.m. for DWI after driving around a police detour at Route 206 and Hutchinson Drive and falling to stop when signaled to pull over. She was later released.

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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 51 calls last week.

On Saturday morning, June 7, the Squad responded for a woman who was found unconscious in her burning apartment. Neighbors found the woman in the smoke-filled residence and pulled her outside just before flames filled the room. The Squad found the woman unresponsive with shallow respirations and ventilated her with oxygen while rushing her to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for treatment. A neighbor of the patient suffered smoke inhalation, and was also transported to UMCP.

On Wednesday, June 11, the Squad responded for a man who complained of chest pain. While he was being treated, the patient suddenly went into cardiac arrest. The crew administered CPR, ventilated the patient with oxygen and attempted to restart the man's heart with a defibrillator. He was transported to UMCP for additional lifesaving efforts.

Later that morning, the Squad responded for a man who fell off his bicycle. Witnesses say the patient was traveling at a high rate of speed and fell over the handlebars. The patient suffered extremity and facial injuries. He was secured to a spinal immobilization device and transported to Capital

Health Systems' Fuld campus.

On Friday, June 13, the Squad responded to an office building for two workers who reported feeling sick. Both patients reported they felt sick the previous night, just before leaving work. Their symptoms seemed to be resolved, but reappeared shortly after their return to work the next morning. The patients, who reported blurred vision, nausea, lightheadedness, were transported to UMCP. The remaining occupants were evacuated until the building was deemed safe by fire officials on scene.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization. For more information on donation or volunteering opportunities, call 924-3338 or visit www.pfars.org.

PU Tax Resolution Proposed by PCDO

This Sunday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m., the PCDO (Princeton Community Democratic Organization) will meet at the Suzanne Patterson Center to discuss whether Princeton University pays its fair share to support municipal government. The

Local Issues Committee of the PCDO has examined this topic since 2006 and at the meeting, the committee will present their findings and the membership will vote on a proposed resolution.

The event is free and open to the public. The Suzanne Patterson Center is located on Monument Drive behind Borough Hall. For additional information on PCDO visit www.princeton.dems.org.

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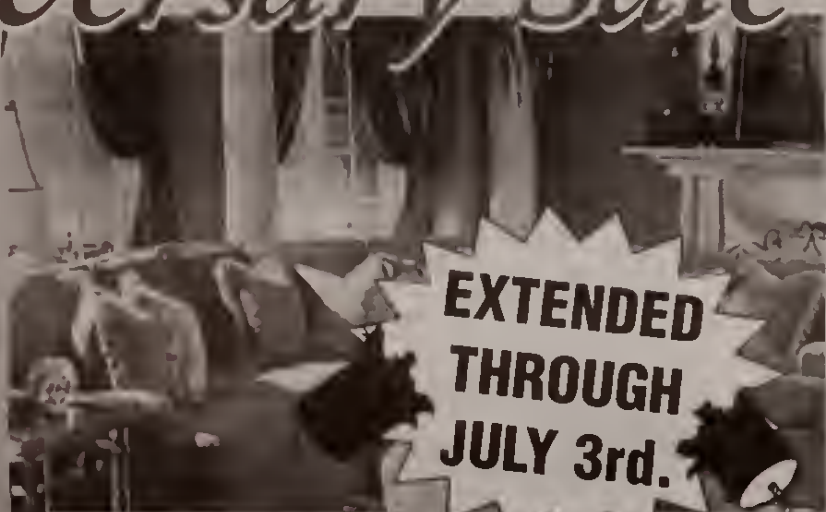
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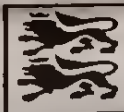
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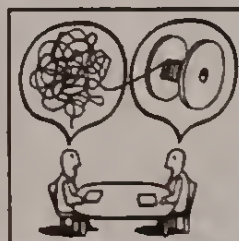
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At the beginning of the school year, the district received notification from US News and World Report that **Princeton High School (PHS)** ranked **94th** among the top 100 high schools in the nation in their ranking of America's Best High Schools. More good news followed when PHS was selected as the state winner of the Siemens Award in recognition of its commitment to students and leadership in advanced placement participation and performance. Last month, the Just for Kids program of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce announced that John Witherspoon Middle School (JWMS) and PHS were selected as benchmark schools based on the students' performances on the state's standardized assessments.

Additionally, our elementary schools flourished through math, science and arts residencies, school concerts, art exhibits and special events.

More important are the following recognitions, to list a few:

- **PHS Studio Band** selected as New Jersey Jazz Band State Champion and PHS senior Owen Schochet recognized as best soloist;
 - PHS senior **Tucker Chan** selected for United States Physics Olympic Team;
 - **PHS Girls Swim Team** wins Central Jersey Group 3 title;
 - Meru Bhanot, Claire Joyce, Rafi Witten, Alex Kasden and Izzy Kasden garnered awards at national **Model United Nations** competition in Washington, DC;
 - **PHS Science Olympiad Team** earns first place in the New Jersey *Science Olympiad*;
 - **David Wright, James Schure, Rosalyn Wilkin, Rye Anderson, Enric Boix** and team members earn a first place designation at the regionals in the **Middle School Science Bowl** competition and a trip to the nationals in Colorado later this week;
 - Various student led charity drives and benefits to raise awareness including Darfur relief and Katrina relief;
 - **PHS Orchestra** trip to Europe with performances, **Spectacle Theatre's** fall production of *Pride and Prejudice* and the spring musical *Anything Goes*, **PHS Jazz Band** trip to Italy and performances, PRS hosting the South African Girls Choir and spotlighting Black History Month with Grammy Award winner Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience.
- Additionally, PHS celebrated the success of its students this month at the annual **Gold Key** awards for PHS seniors and juniors. These awards are given to seniors and juniors for their service to the school, character and leadership.

Senior class recipients include: Rafael Witten, Lucy Hull, John Miranda, Michelle Swanson, May-Ying Medalia, Erin Eagen, Carter Haughton, Courtney Shaw, Carly Ray, Harris Perlman, Jennifer Yi, Kasey Reisman, Sarah Gordon, William Casperian, Gisela Moore, Hannah Deming, Grace Compton, Angels Miralda-Tena, Larry Berry, Cindy Rojas, Monica Banerjee, Afsheen Ahmad, Nikita Taparia, Yong Kim, James Mercus, Pablo Espichan, Chen Chen, Beth Breslaw, Kathyrn Van Sickle, Evren Cakir and Vivian Sun.

Junior class recipients include: Molly Lynch, Ahulhair Saparov, Ola Hadaya, Moriah Akrong, Sam Tang, Corey Marsh, Maddie O'Meara, Samantha Hayden, Aishah Cason, Rachel Basic, Brandon Salazar, Anoush Youssoufian, Mic Graham, Mina Juhn, Juliette Chausson, Aaron Deutsch, Elisa Shieh and Ben Taub.

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Births

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Daughters were born to Maria Del Pino Martin Aguirre and Peter Meyer, Princeton, June 8; Sandra Cruz, Lawrenceville, June 9; Shannon Campbell and Antonio McCray, Princeton, June 10; and Tiernan and Matthew Close, Pennington, June 12.

Sons were born to Maria and Nick O'Leary, Pennington, June 10; Francisca Paz, Cranbury, June 11; Kirti Pande and Abhishek Shankar, Lawrence Township, June 12; Erika M. and Asher B. Eggleston, Hopewell, June 12; Pratheeba Vijayan and Murali K. Venkataraman, Lawrenceville, June 12; and Lisbeth Marleni Reyes, Cranbury, June 13.

Weddings & Engagements



Matthew Blodgett and Morgoret Dornton

Darnton-Blodgett. Margaret Darnton, daughter of Robert and Susan Darnton of Cambridge, Mass., formerly of Princeton, to Matthew Blodgett, son of Michael and Diane Blodgett of Minneapolis, Minn., June 14 at Trinity Church in Princeton. The service was conducted by the Rev. Anne Marie Richards, an Episcopal priest.

The couple met on a blind date two years ago in Boston. The bride, 30, grew up in Princeton and attended Princeton High School. She graduated cum laude from Harvard University and is completing a master's program in education at Simmons College. She will teach fourth grade in the Newton Public Schools beginning in September. Her father is the Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor and director of the University Library at Harvard University.

The groom, 31, is a principal at North Bridge Growth Equity, a private equity firm in Waltham, Mass. He graduated with distinction from Yale, where he played varsity football. His mother is a special education teacher in the Minneapolis Public Schools.

The couple will reside in Boston.

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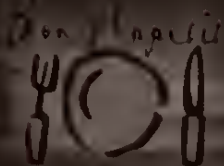
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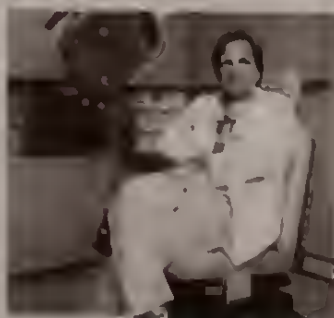
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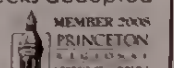
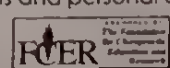
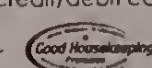
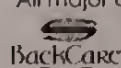
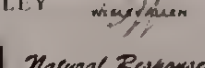
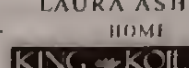
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Food Tracking System To Be Developed

Sarnoff Corporation and Viocare Technologies recently announced a partnership to develop a new mobile phone-based dietary assessment tool for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Genes, Environment and Health Initiative (GEI). The

tool, called the Mobile Food Intake Visualization and Voice Recognizer (FIVR), uses a mobile phone to help measure a meal's nutritional content. The innovative system uses a combination of photographs and speech recognition to identify the food and produce an estimate of the calories an individual will

be consuming. The development of this technology is one of the first projects that will be funded as part of GEI.

"This exciting technology combines Sarnoff's industry-leading vision processing expertise with Viocare's pioneering mobile food tracking capabilities," said Rick

Weiss, president of Viocare Technologies. "Together, Sarnoff and Viocare are able to deliver a system that vastly improves the administration of nutritional studies while offering dieters a simple yet revolutionary way to track the content of the food they eat."

Over time, the FIVR system will be able to categorize a user's eating habits. Using a series of questions, FIVR will both recognize foods a user commonly eats, such as popcorn, and will also identify habits specific to that food, such as adding butter.

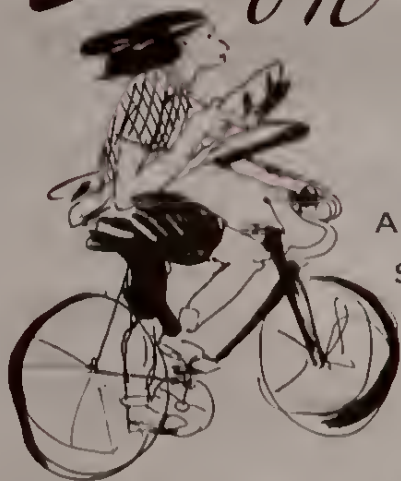
"In the past nutritional studies have relied on onerous questionnaires, food diaries, or a large staff of dedicated surveyors," said Dr. Don Newsome, Sarnoff's President and Chief Executive Officer. "By leveraging Sarnoff and Viocare's extensive experience developing advanced medical technologies, FIVR eases that burden, allowing studies to receive more accurate, timely, and cost effective data."

The NIH's Genes, Environment and Health Initiative helps determine environmental components and genetic roots of common diseases. As part of that mission, GEI invests in new technologies to measure environmental factors such as dietary intake to determine individuals' biological response.



WE DID IT! Hun School seniors (from left): Lavina Daswani, Erica Crawford, Laura Coyle were among the school's 131 graduates last Friday. Ms. Coyle received the John Gale Hun Valedictory Award. In his welcoming address Headmaster James M. Byer told graduates, "We have found you to be a class that is able to present your points of views well; to write well; to perform community service for the good of others; to pursue your interests and talents; to critically think, analyze, and form opinions; to make decisions that reflect thought and determination; to use technologies to your advantage and to employ them in your learning; and to be flexible in your thinking and open-minded to the differences in others."

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- 4 tbsp dry bread crumbs
- 3 tbsp cold unsalted butter



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Boil orzo in salted water with garlic for 10 minutes or until al dente; drain. Rinse with cold water and drain again. Remove garlic; peel and mash with fork. In a large bowl, whisk garlic and heavy cream. Add orzo, broth, 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese, 1 cup parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Combine the mixture well and transfer into a 2 quart buttered baking dish. Sprinkle top with remaining cheese, parsley and bread crumbs. Dot butter across the top. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes until set and golden brown. Serves 10.

Cooks Note: Prepare the orzo in individual ramekins. It works nicely as an elegant presentation for a dinner party or it is fun for the young ones.

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A SIDEWALK TOO CLOSE: Kristina Johnson's almost 90-year old home sits just five feet from the public right-of-way on Cleveland Lane. When the Borough announced plans to install a sidewalk, Ms. Johnson requested that it be moved to the other side of the street in order to maintain her home's peace and privacy. Members of Borough Council voted against the change last week.

(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

Cleveland Lane

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the beautiful streetscape of Cleveland Lane, as well of course as irrevocable harm to my privacy and peace and to the value of my property," said Ms. Johnson in a letter to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Spadaccini presented an alternative plan that would move half of the sidewalk to the southern side of Cleveland Lane and add a crosswalk for pedestrian access to the other side of the street.

The detailed plan was displayed at the Council meeting, along with a second showing another siting for the crosswalk.

Discussing the alternatives, Mr. Budzinski said that he was concerned for public safety at the intersection of Lafayette Road and Cleveland Lane. He suggested that if the sidewalk were to be split between the north and south sides of Cleveland Lane, pedestrians would ignore the mid-street crosswalk and continue on the north side of the street. In addition, homeowners at 70 Cleveland Lane had objected to the redirection of the sidewalk to the south side of the street.

Mr. Budzinski, who had met twice with Ms. Johnson, reported that he had considered moving the entire sidewalk to the south side of Cleveland Lane but that it was not feasible because of trees there.

"While recognizing the unique circumstance of Mr. Johnson's house being very close to the street, I feel that staying with the [original] design would be the prudent thing to do," he concluded, adding that the road is being narrowed on the south side to pull the sidewalk as far away as possible from Ms. Johnson's dwelling.

Mr. Spadaccini responded by saying that the alternative plan satisfied all of the criteria that the Borough Council had set earlier. "Our plan has limited impact on cost, no safety issues, and causes little delay to the construction while preserving Ms. Johnson's unique situation," he said.

Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman said that Council had acknowledged the unique situation of Ms. Johnson's home and had tried to be fair and balanced.

Mr. Spadaccini cited a report by a traffic consultant hired by Ms. Johnson that found the alternative plan to be "relatively simple to implement, not costly, and installed with appropriate sight lines, signage, and striping," adding that it also had verbal approval from the Department of Transportation.

To counter Mr. Budzinski's letter from residents at 70 Cleveland Lane, Mr. Spadaccini, offered a letter in support of the sidewalk switch from homeowners at 76 Cleveland Lane, the home directly opposite Ms. Johnson's. He described the mid-street crosswalk as having no detrimental impact on safety and that there were already several such crosswalks in Princeton on streets near Cleveland Lane and on Nassau Street in front of Thomas Sweets.

In the discussion that followed Mr. Spadaccini's presentation, Councilman Andrew Koontz questioned Ms. Johnson's proposal with respect to pedestrian and bicyclist safety. He said that the purpose of sidewalks was to allow pedestrians to walk freely and safely in the neighborhood and that it was the intention of Princeton's Master Plan to have a network of sidewalks throughout the town.

"Sidewalks are there for the convenience of pedestrians," added Councilman David Goldfarb. "It is an unreasonable inconvenience for these people to have to cross the street to accommodate Ms. Johnson's concerns."

Mr. Goldfarb pointed out that revisions to the Borough Engineer's plan would put the sidewalk 11 feet from Ms. Johnson's property.

Council member Margaret (Peggy) Karcher suggested that a mid-street crosswalk would not be as safe as inviting pedestrians to continue on the same side of the street and cross at the corner. "I cannot in good conscience add another mid-block crossing to accommodate someone who doesn't want a sidewalk in front of their property," she said.

Council member Barbara Trelstad, a frequent walker in the neighborhood, pointed out that drivers would not expect a crosswalk in the middle of Cleveland Lane. She did not favor the changes included in Ms. Johnson's proposal.

Councilman Roger Martindell, however, was inclined to accommodate Ms. Johnson's proposal. "Her's is a unique situation because of the proximity of her house to the curb," he said. "I think we should accommodate [her proposal] because the damage to the homeowner here is significant."

Besides the issue of safety, the issue of Ms. Johnson's shrubs and trees was raised. "75 Cleveland Lane was built long before anyone envisioned the road and sidewalk network of today's Princeton," said landscape architect Alan Goodheart in a letter to Council. "The currently planned sidewalk would require the elimination of the large specimen evergreen shrubs that flank the entryway to the main courtyard, [and] severely impact the small ground space presently available for the shallow roots of 4 very tall, needle evergreen trees."

Concerning the shrubs — two Japanese Holly bushes — Councilman Kevin Wilkes said that he had spoken to a nurseryman at Kale's and had been assured that they could be pruned and moved so as to make way for the sidewalk.

After the 5-1 vote rejecting Ms. Johnson's proposal, Mr. Spadaccini was told that his request for a reduction of the width of the sidewalk from five to four feet would be considered.

—Linda Arntzenius

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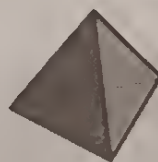
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Simulated Drunk Driving Crash Earns Praise for Police and School Officials

To the Editor:

On May 28, juniors and seniors at Princeton High School witnessed a very realistic and graphic simulation of a head-on drunk-driving car crash. The event sent a powerful message to the teens, their teachers, and community members who attended that drinking and driving can be lethal.

Staging such a major undertaking takes a great deal of coordination, energy, and cooperation, and many people and organizations must be thanked for their support.

The Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, under the direction of Frank Setnicky, ran an elaborate scene which looked frighteningly authentic. Members of the squad and narrator Greg Paulson created a believable scenario, complete with a prerecorded 911 call. Detective Ben Gering, Officer Kim Hodges, Captain Robert Buchanan, and the Princeton Township police and the PBA were extremely helpful, and special thanks go to Chief Mark Elmann. Thank you also to Lt. William Mooney and his crew from Mercer Engine Co. No. 3; Deputy Chief Roy James and the Engine Co. No. 11 crew; Capital Health System; the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department of Princeton Health Care System; Jack Roberts, Princeton Recreation Department; and Chief Anthony Federico and the Princeton Borough Police.

Gary Snyder, PHS principal, was an extremely effective key speaker, and was instrumental in making the event a reality. Other Princeton Regional School District members to be thanked are Judith Wilson, superintendent of schools; Gary Weisman, Facilities; Tony Diaforli and the grounds crew; and from PHS, Kurt Zimmerman and Danny Turner of the Media Department; Angela Siso, Student Affairs; Jeni Griffin; Gwen Kimsal, Student Assistance Coordinator; and members of the Guidance Department.

John Witherspoon Middle School principal, William Johnson, and JW English Department teachers coordinated a companion letter-writing campaign. Every sixth, seventh, and eighth grader wrote an essay to a PHS junior or senior on the dangers of drinking and driving.

Thank you, Ken Larini of Larini's Sunoco, for your ongoing involvement and support. Thanks also to Matt Long of Volvo of Princeton. Peter Hodge and Mather Hodge Funeral Home left the audience with a final and devastating image as the hearse drove away slowly, bearing the body of the "deceased."

Gary DeBlasio, Corner House Executive Director, the Corner House office staff and counselor Anna Hernandez helped in many ways.

Finally, the actors, members of the Corner House Student Board and seniors at PHS, PDS, Hun, and Stuart, are to be commended for doing a remarkable job. They, and their peers, are the reason why so many people came together to work on this project. It is hoped that every student who saw the simulation will always remember to stay safe and sober. May we in Princeton never experience this tragedy in real life.

WENDY JOLLEY
Gallup Road
Crash Simulation Committee

McCarter Thanks Corporate Sponsors, Patrons, Volunteers for Annual Gala

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 7 McCarter Theatre held its 30th Annual Gala Benefit featuring an old Hollywood Coconut Grove theme. The guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner and champagne dessert reception. Award winning actor BD Wong served as master of ceremonies at dinner and thoroughly charmed the crowd. The legendary Burt Bacharach gave a once in a lifetime performance and enjoyed four standing ovations before the guests left to dance to the big band sounds of the Midnight Sun Orchestra.

This year, the Gala also featured the exciting Raindrops Project. In celebration of Mr. Bacharach's award-winning song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," and of all the extraordinary artists who have trod McCarter's boards for the last 78 years, 15 local artists were asked to turn a white golf umbrella into a masterpiece. Each umbrella was a tribute to a different actor, entertainer, play, or production from McCarter's history. Popular subjects included Lookingglass Alice, Pilobolus, Argonautika, the Duke Ellington Orchestra, and Burt Bacharach himself. A special thank you to participants Eugene Lee, Jay McPhillips, Cindy Boone, George Vogel, Benchley Sullivan, Karen Steinhagen, Sorat Tungkasiri, Leah Targon, Lea Novak, M. Teresa Simao, Nesrin Avci, Carrie Ballenger, H. Patricia Tieman, and Eva Mantell.

The event was a smashing success due to the wonderful support we received from over 300 individual patrons and 30 businesses throughout the mid-New Jersey region. The event netted \$135,000 that will help fund McCarter's educational and artistic programming. For this, McCarter applauds its supporters.

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Next year's gala will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2009. Be sure to mark your calendars!

KATHLEEN KUND NOLAN
Interim Managing Director
McCarter Theatre

Princeton High School Parents Thank Supporters for Safe Post Prom Event

To the Editor:

This year's Post Prom event at Princeton High School was a smashing success thanks to the hard work of over 50 volunteers, and the generosity of the Princeton and Cranbury communities. The Princeton High School PTO would like to thank those businesses and organizations that helped provide a memorable experience to our juniors and seniors and their guests. This is the 31st year that the event has been held with the intention of providing a safe and enjoyable substance-free post prom night. This year's event, "Surf's Up," hosted roughly 500 students at Princeton High School, with food, activities, and door prizes. The high school gym, hallways, and auditorium foyer were literally transformed into "Surf City," an environment that received rave reviews from the students.

The Post Prom Event is funded entirely through private donations and community organizations. This year's generous sponsors included Cranbury Municipal Alliance, Corner House, Prudential Insurance Company, ARI Products, Alliance Homes, Princeton Borough PBA No. 130, Hamilton Jewelers, Long Motor Volvo Company of Princeton, Cranbury School PTO, Cranbury Boy Scouts, Cranbury Girl Scouts, and Cranbury Lions.

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The students were thrilled with their selection of over 80 door prizes including items like a flat screen TV, surfboard, iPod, and microwave ovens. As co-presidents of the Princeton High School PTO, we would like to thank everyone who once again provided a safe post prom tradition for our students.

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fitness centers, museum or gallery space, or additional social service or clinical offices. A critical issue for joint use," she added, "will be management and sharing of costs.

The status and redevelopment of the Valley Road building has been a staple on various municipal agendas for the last several years. In October of 2006 the Board of Education held a public discussion on "the future of its Valley Road Building." The open forum included representatives of KSS Architects, the firm that had been appointed by the district to analyze current and potential uses for the building. Among the comments from the public that evening was one suggestion that a "new facility might serve as a homeless shelter or as transitional housing."

More recently, School Superintendent Judy Wilson reported that the Board had completed its study with

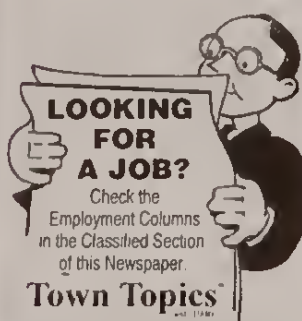
KSS and "is clear on three points: the fields [the playing fields immediately next to the building] must remain intact; the oldest part of the building, which faces Witherspoon, is a physical and fiscal liability for the Board and the Board should not allocate resources to improve its condition, in fact should demolish it; the core part of the Valley Road building which faces Valley Road can be renovated in a basic, minimalistic way as to provide safe and efficient use of the building for decades to come."

"Beyond that," she added, "the Board passed a resolution and offered the Borough and the Township time to study whether or not there are feasible plans for the use of this site which would support Board's mission for education and also

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For his part, Township Planning Director Lee Solow said in a telephone interview that a committee, consisting of two representatives each from the school board, Borough Council, and Township Committee have been working on a report he himself prepared, which will be presented, he said, "early in July."

—Ellen Gilbert



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The "Investing in Excellence Campaign" has also resulted in 80,000 square feet of new and renovated facilities, including expanded and upgraded libraries; a new art wing with studios for photography, fine arts, architecture, ceramics, wood-working, and video/media; a new dance studio, choral music room, practice rooms, drama classroom, art gal-

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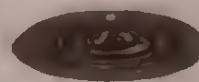
"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many generous contributors, as well as to our campaign volunteers who enthusiastically and tirelessly helped turn these dreams into reality," said Campaign Co-Chair Barbie Griffin Cole '78.

Ms. Lohr applauded the community's response. "Because of the generous and inspiring response to this historic effort, the school has never been stronger or its future brighter," she said. "This is an extraordinary endorsement of our school and a powerful testimony to the appreciation felt by the individuals and families who lives have been touched by this special school."

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Downtown Development

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He said that it would take 45 days to establish possession of the lot, install fencing, and relocate overhead PSE&G wires. "Our goal is to move ahead as promptly as possible."

"There is nothing in these documents indicating when the developer would start or finish," commented Councilman Roger Martindell, noting that the project was already two or three years behind.

Other members of the Council contended that there was no advantage in delay. Indeed there were many "pressure points" throughout the process to make sure an efficient time schedule would be maintained, according to Borough Administrator Robert W. Bruschi.

Nonetheless, Mr. Martin-

dell pointed out that the list contained some "big ticket" items amounting to well over a million dollars. He suggested doing nothing until some of the 13 issues could be resolved.

He moved to approve only the form of the agreements without an official sign-off until seeing, for example, a detailed commitment letter from a lender before voting to move further forward.

"We have to resolve these 13 issues whether or not we choose another developer," responded Council member Margaret (Peggy) Karcher. "We are so far down the path with a developer that was carefully chosen [that] we should continue on in good faith."

But a long-time critic of the private nature of the negotiations between Borough Council and its developer, Mark Alexandridis of Princeton Avenue, had a different perspective. "We haven't made a lot of progress, it seems to me," he said after his review of the agreements.

"Poor documentation has really put the taxpayer at risk," he said in reference to the dense language of the contracts and the inclusion of specific cost estimates in the redevelopment agreement estoppel for work on Phase II that might form the basis of a future disagreement if the actual cost was higher than anticipated.

"The notion of proceeding forward while still in mediation doesn't seem prudent to me," he said.

As a result of Mr. Alexandridis's comments, the estimated figures were removed.

Looking Forward

While the long-delayed Phase II has been much-criticized it has also received praise from representatives of the group Princeton Future and the Borough Merchants of Princeton who have expressed satisfaction with Phase I in spite of continuing water problems in the Spring Street parking garage.

"We managed to get a library done, improve the parking situation, and get a parking garage," said former Borough Mayor Marvin Reed, who advised Council to move ahead.

—Linda Arntzenius



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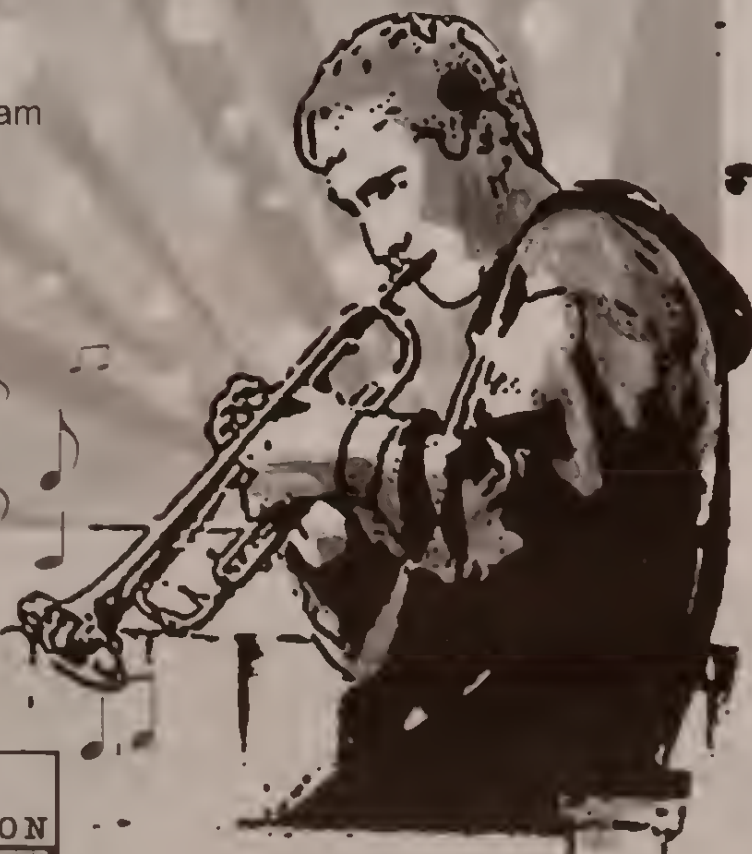
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IN THE STANDS: Seen with Rutgers students who obviously have no problem with the "spoilsport," Princeton resident and Rutgers Professor William C. Dowling is the author of "Confessions of a Spoilsport: My Life and Hard Times Fighting Sports Corruption at an Old Eastern University." Reports suggest that the book was hard to find in New Brunswick. It is kept "continuously in stock" at Labyrinth Books and can be found on the "New Releases" table.



DOCUMENTING A FRIENDSHIP: Princeton University roommates Frants Albert '53 and Fred Slivon '52 have published "The Next Will Be Better: A Correspondence" (Paper Mill Press), which begins in 1950 and ends in 1974. Mr. Albert and Mr. Slivon and their families now live within three miles of one another in Marin County, California, where the picture was taken.

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Books

"Confessions of a Spoilsport" Can Be Found at Labyrinth Books

Princeton resident and Rutgers Professor William C. Dowling's new book, *Confessions of a Spoilsport: My Life and Hard Times Fighting Sports Corruption at an Old Eastern University* (Penn State Press), available at Labyrinth Books, is the story of an English professor who, having seen the University of New Mexico sink academically in the period of a major basketball scandal, was galvanized into action when Rutgers joined the Big East. It is also the story of the "Rutgers 1000," students and alumni who set out against odds to resist what they saw as "the decline of their university while tens of millions of dollars were being lavished on Division IA athletics."

According to Princeton University's Stanley N. Katz, president emeritus of the American Council of Learned Societies, "Dowling tells a sad and very personal story of the failed struggle at Rutgers, but readers at other institutions will have no difficulty in substituting the names of their own presidents and athletic directors. Dowling is not against ath-

letics. He is for education."

Philadelphia Weekly said, "Even if you care not a fig about the Neanderthalization of our universities, you'll get a buzz out of Dowling's lurid prose *Spoilsport* is the follow-up fans of the classic football book *Friday Night Lights* (which was about sports corruption in the football-rotted high schools of West Texas) have been waiting for."

Mr. Dowling's inspiration was a 1998 New York Times piece by Nobel laureate in economics and Rutgers graduate Milton Friedman, the gist of which was that "Universities exist to transmit understanding and ideals and values to students ... not to provide entertainment for spectators or employment for athletes." Mr. Friedman's statement drew national attention to the Rutgers 1000, with the movement receiving extensive coverage in

the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Chronicle of Higher Education, Sports Illustrated, and other publications.

William C. Dowling is University Distinguished Professor of English and American Literature at Rutgers University. Of the ten books he has published, the most recent include *Oliver Wendell Holmes in Paris: Medicine, Theology, and the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table*; *Literary Federalism in the Age of Jefferson*; and *The Senses of the Text*.

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NJ Wordsmith Contest Looking for Authors
The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo), a project of VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ), is seeking poems, essays, short stories and plays by New Jersey residents 18 years of age or over for its 15th annual Joyce Kilmer New Jersey Wordsmith Competition. The contest is open to all writers, and submissions by writers with disabilities are especially encouraged.

All works submitted will be judged by a panel of judges who are professionals in the fields of theater and/or literature. Selected works will be showcased at the New Jersey Readers' Theater. The reading will held in late fall 2008 during the Work in Process Forum, a weekend event designed for the sharing and development of new plays in an educational environment.

The deadline for submissions is September 3, 2008. VSA/NJ is a part of

the international VSA arts network, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and is dedicated to promoting the creative power of people with disabilities. VSA stands for Vision, Strength, and Artistic Expression. UPTCo, a project of VSA/NJ, is an inclusive program designed to involve individuals with physical disabilities in all aspects of the performing arts.

Major funding for VSA arts of New Jersey is provided in part by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

There is a \$15 entry fee for this competition. To request an application or to receive additional information, contact VSA arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-3885, or info@vsanj.org, www.vsanj.org.

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KIDS PICTURE BOOKS

Blue Burt and Wiggles

by: Anderson, Derek
With the use of a fine set of art supplies, a bluebird and worm unsuccessfully attempt to make summer last a little longer.

Bug Safari by: Barner, Bob
One hot summer day a young explorer decides to follow some ants on a safari.

Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective

by: Biedrzycki, David
Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective, sets out on the trail of kidnappers who took Queenie Bee and the Royal Jelly, aided by his friends.

The Three Grasshoppers

by: Boscu, Francesca
The talent grasshoppers take a hiatus from their music to busy prepare for winter. Their friendships sour as they compete to gather the most food. Soon all of their hard work is in peril of being undone! Can the three friends work together again to save their food?

Buzzy the Bumblebee

by: Brennan-Nelson, Denise
A young bee's confidence is shattered when he reads that bees were not meant to fly.

Bob and Otto

by: Bruel, Robert O.
Two best friends, a worm and caterpillar, part ways. When they reunite, the caterpillar has transformed into a butterfly. Thinking he missed his chance to fly, Otto the worm is glum until his best friend, Bob, assures Otto that his hard work underground allowed for Bob's transformation.

Anna's Table by: Bunting, Eve
Anna, young naturalist, explains the different treasures she had collected.

Butterfly House by: Bunting, Eve
The narrator gives a caterpillar from a blue jay and with her grandfather's help sets up a habitat to raise it. The last page offers instructions for the reader to do the same.

Crickwing by: Cannon, Junell
A lonely cricket named Crickwing has a creative idea that saves the day for the leaf-eating ants when their fierce forest enemies attack them.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

by: Carle, Eric
A hungry caterpillar eats and eats and eats and soon becomes a butterfly.

The Very Lonely Firefly

by: Carle, Eric
A lonely firefly mistakes several lights for fireflies until he eventually finds those like him.

Bugs in Space: A Pop-Up Journey by: Carter, David
Plus other David Carter Pop-up Bug books.

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach

by: Deady, Carmen Agra
A beautiful cockroach tells all of her suits to find the perfect match.

Clara Caterpillar

by: Edwards, Pamela Duncan
By camouflaging herself, Clara Caterpillar, who becomes a cream-colored butterfly, courageously saves Catisha the crimson-colored butterfly from a hungry roo.

Waiting for Wings by: Ehler, Lou
Follow the life cycle of four common larvae to their transformations into full-grown butterflies.

Bye-Bye Big Bad Bullybug

by: Emberley, Ed
Die-cut pages reveal the scary and mean parts of a bullybug, but just as it is about to attack some "itty-bitty baby bugs," the bullybug is chased away until it learns to behave.

The Very Lazy Ladybug

by: Finn, Isabel
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A fictionalized account of the Empress of China's discovery, around 2700 B.C., that the cocoons of the worms in her mulberry trees were made of fine, shiny, silken thread which could be made into beautiful cloth.

Butterfly, Butterfly by: Horrocks, Petr
In this inventive prep-through-the-holes picture book from an award-winning children's book creator, Lucy searches for a butterfly in her garden.

Gotcha

by: Jorgensen, Gail
Bertha Bear's Birthday party is interrupted by a pesky fly. She disturbs a number of animals on the way to trying to catch the pesky fly.

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock

by: Kimmel, Eric
When Anansi finds a strange moss-covered rock in the forest, he decides to use it to trick the other animals.

Miss Spider's Tea Party

by: Kirk, David
It's hard for the insects to attend enjoy Miss Spider's hospitality in front of being eaten. One brave and wet moth breaks down the barrier and discovers Miss Spider is nice.

Miss Spider's Wedding

by: Kirk, David
Miss Spider's big heart knows Mr. Right.

The Furry Caterpillar

by: Law, Felicia
Three friends in the magical forest argue over Bamboo's furry pillow, which in fact turns out to be a caterpillar on its way to becoming a lovely butterfly.

Dream Weaver by: London, Jonathan
Take an up-close look from a spider's perspective.

Inch by Inch

by: Lamm, Leo
A clever inchworm uses his ability to measure to save himself from becoming a meal.

Fireflies, Fireflies Light My Way

by: London, Jonathan
Based on an old Mesquakie lullaby, text features fireflies, beavers, turtles, and other animals that show how the natural world is interconnected.

Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly

by: Madison, Alan
Velma Starts First Grade In The Shadow Of Her Memorable Older Sisters. And While Her Newfound Interest In Butterflies Helps Her To Stand Out, It Also Leads To An Interesting Conclusion.

Insects Are My Life by: McDonald, Megan
No one at home or school understands Amanda Frankenstein's devotion to insects until she meets, "Maggie."

Ant and Honey Bee: What a Pair by: McDonald, Megan
When Ant and Honey Bee try to come up with original outfits for a costume party, they almost experience disaster.

Beetle McGrady Eats Bugs

by: McDonald, Megan
From the author of the Judy Moody books comes an inspiring tale of a gutsy, unflappable girl who fears nothing except for eating an ant.

Bean Thirteen by: McElligott, Matthew
Two bugs, Ralph and Flora, try to divide thirteen beans so that the unlucky thirteenth bean disappears, but they soon discover that the math is not so easy.

The Best Bug Parade

by: Murphy, Stuart J.
Bugs compare their sizes to each other, big, bigger and biggest, as they prepare for a parade.

Thelonus Monster's Sky-High Fly Pie

by: Sierra, Judy
Thelonus concocts sticky goo to catch countless delicious flies for a tasty pie.

The Ugly Caterpillar

by: Sommer, Carl
Speckles the spider and Crumbs the cricket think a caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie the ant insists that something beautiful might be inside.

The Little Country Town

by: Southwell, Jandelyn
When the sun sets on a quiet country town, the nighttime sounds and scents begin.

Snail, Where Are You?

by: Ungerer, Toni
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The Spider and the Fly

by: Howitt, Mury
In this visually appealing book, a spider tries to catch a fly.

Bow-Wow Bugs a Bug

by: Newgarden, Mark
A story about a bold new doggy vet, in the pursuit of a pesky bug, goes where no doggy has gone before. With a spring in his step and his tail only occasionally between his legs, Bow-Wow faces down (almost) every foe in his path.

Hurry and the Monarch

by: O'Flaherty, Antoine
Hurry the tortoise befriends a monarch butterfly when she stops in his garden in Wichita Falls, Texas, during her migration from Canada to Mexico. Included are facts about monarch butterflies.

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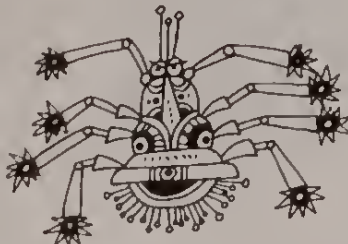
by: Peters, Lisa
A young child puts off cleaning the bedroom because all the family's pets are asleep there, but the arrival of a fly wakes everyone up and they help to clean the room.

The Bugliest Bug

by: Shields, Carol Diggery
All of insect land is abuzz with news of a big contest: which bug is the buggiest of all? Lively verse mixes fun, fancy, and fascinating fact with artwork that virtually flies off the pages.

One Hundred Hungry Ants

by: Pinches, Elinor J.
One hundred hungry ants head toward a picnic to get yummys for their tummys, but stop to change their line formation, showing different divisions of 100, causing them to lose both time and food in the end.



Art

Exhibit of Gulag Survivor's Art On View at Zimmerli Art Museum

"Painting for the Grave: The Early Work of Boris Sveshnikov," a collection of work by the Soviet artist and Gulag labor camp survivor, is on view at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick through October 12. The first of a two-part retrospective, the show draws from the more than 300 works by Boris Sveshnikov (1927-1998) in the museum's Norton and Nancy Dodge Collection of Nonconformist Soviet Art. This current presentation focuses on drawings and oil paintings produced during the artist's formative and prison years, from the 1940s until 1961, a period when Sveshnikov developed his idiosyncratic style and produced a large number of his most intense artworks. A full-color, 112-page catalog accompanies the exhibition.

In 1946, the 19-year-old Sveshnikov, while pursuing a degree at the Moscow Institute of Applied and Decorative Arts, was falsely accused of engaging in terrorist activity. Like millions

of other innocent Soviet citizens, he was arrested, denied a fair trial, and sent to a Gulag labor camp where he remained until 1954. Following his release from the camps, he was employed as a book illustrator, but at home continued to explore the style of "fantastic realism" he had developed during his incarceration.

Sveshnikov's imagery includes clocks, nymphs, rat-headed creatures, winged figures, and ice skaters. In his landscapes, inspired by the narratives of artists such as Hieronymus Bosch and Francisco Goya, he struggles to find meaning in the incomprehensible, confronting the viewer with his own disturbing images, fantasies and visions.

"The work of Boris Sveshnikov," according to the Zimmerli's Interim Director, Marti Mayo, "is a testament to the fragility and resilience of the human spirit and to the power of art to sustain and enrich our humanity. It is as well a reminder that works of art are powerful communicators of the

human condition."

Even though Sveshnikov's work contributes to an understanding of the Soviet labor camp experience, and despite the fact that he's considered an important figure in the history of Russian nonconformist art, he never perceived himself as a dissident and never associated himself with any group of artists. On the contrary, his production is highly personal and apolitical. As he once stated: "What I painted at home I did for myself. All of my works are dedicated to the grave."

The Zimmerli Art Museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours in June are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays; same hours in July on Wednesdays through Fridays. Closed in August. Weekends: Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for museum members, Rutgers students, faculty and staff (with ID), and children under 18. Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932.7237, ext. 610.

Summer Arts Programs Set for Children and Teens

Young Audiences New Jersey is sponsoring one- and two-week visual arts programs for children and teen-agers this summer at Grounds for Sculpture (www.groundsforsculpture.org) in Hamilton.

Students from ages eight to twelve can register for classes with artist Rebecca Kelly running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week of July 14-18, and/or the week of July 21-25. During week one, young artists will work on projects using paper maché, wood, wire, and other materials. Week two will introduce students to the program's most popular program, Bookmaking. Students will explore bookmaking techniques including sculptural books, altered books, artist books, and more. No experience is needed for these classes, which are limited to 16 students, and cost \$375 per week.

Budding filmmakers aged 13-16 can sign up for a two-week program, from July 14-25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, where they will work with Young Audiences' professional filmmakers. Students will analyze movies, storyboard their ideas, and then do the filming. Post-filming, they will edit their pieces, add music and special effects, and take it through the final production process. The program concludes with a film festival of students' finished films for family and friends. No experience is needed for this class which is limited to 12 students, and costs \$790 for two weeks, plus a \$100 equipment fee.

To register for either or both programs, call Young Audiences N.J. at (609) 243-9000, or visit www.yan.org.

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PAINTING WORKSHOP: The Historical Society of Princeton is offering a special two-day art residency with landscape painter Brett Weaver on June 23 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Updike Farmstead (354 Quaker Road). The workshop will focus on the fundamentals of landscape painting. Students should expect to complete one to three small studies per day. The cost is \$225 for HSP members; \$250 non-members. Call (609) 921.6748 for registration and more details or go to www.princetonhistory.org.

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DEDICATED TO THE GRAVE: This work by Soviet artist and Gulag labor camp survivor Boris Sveshnikov, who said "All of my works are dedicated to the grave," can be seen in the exhibit, "Painting for the Grave: The Early Work of Boris Sveshnikov," at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick through October 12.

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"Infusions of Color"**

North Brunswick artist John Hawaka, who uses lacquer as a medium, will be the subject of "Infusions of Color," an exhibit at the Alfa Gallery, 108 Church Street, in New Brunswick. The show will run from June 19 through August 7, with an opening reception, Friday, June 20 from 7 to 10 p.m.

According to Pavol Ol-savky, Mr. Hawaka's paintings "reveal a subtle yet striking force of contrast and color," and his style can be compared to that of the New York artist Anthony Vitti, "who creates similar expressions of color but on a much larger scale."

Asked about working with lacquer, Mr. Hawaka said,

"I like the end result. The medium has a 'mind' of its own, and I am happy when it agrees with me."

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For further information, call (732) 296-6720 or visit info@alfaart.org.

**D&R Greenway Hosts
Panel Discussion**

D&R Greenway will host a panel discussion focused on its current art exhibition, "Our Historic Landscape: Past, Present and ... Future?" The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, in the

Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The significance of this marriage of archival and 21st-Century photographs of historic sites in the Princeton region will be discussed by Kate Litvack, executive director of the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association; Linda Mead, executive director of D&R Greenway Land Trust; Dorothy P. Guzzo, new executive director of the New Jersey Historic Trust; and photographer Sandy Shapiro, whose work is on view in the exhibition.

Dorothy Guzzo will be speaking on "Sustainability and Building: We've been Doing It Forever." Linda Mead will discuss the significance of "Our Historic Landscape" to D&R Greenway's preservation mission.

Sponsored in part by Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, "Our Historic Landscape" is a collaboration between the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton Photography Club and will run through September 5. It can be viewed on business days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery.

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DUTCH NECK WINDOW: This photograph is by Sandra Shapiro, who will join a panel discussion at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, in D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton. Ms. Shapiro's photograph is from "Our Historic Landscape," a special exhibition featuring historic photographs of the area alongside contemporary views of the same locations.

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a joint exhibit featuring Beatrice Bork and Taylor Oughton through July 6.

Artsbridge is hosting its 14th Annual Juried Show at the RiverRun Gallery in Lambertville, 287 Route 29 South (the Laceworks Building). The show will run through Sunday, June 29, daily from noon to 5, closed Tuesdays. All art work will be on sale.

The Arts Council of Princeton begins life in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts with "Return: Home," which features 11 New Jersey-affiliated artists who explore the meaning of "home" from personal, political, and cultural perspectives. Summer classes in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts began this month. For registration information visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 and 129 on/off ramps is presenting "Points of Reference," featuring the work of five artists, which will run through June 29.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31. Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das,

Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana, and Eia Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artists of India Transforming Culture — Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library, 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville, is hosting an exhibit of pastels by Pamela M. Miller and watercolors by Barbara G. Watts through June 29.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton is hosting a special exhibition featuring historic photographs of the area alongside contemporary views of the same locations through September in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery at the Johnson Education Center. The exhibition is a collaboration with the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton Photography Club. There will be a panel discussion at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, with a reception at 6:30. Advance registration is required; phone (609) 924-4646.

The Erdman Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting "Passion of Christ for Us" featuring paintings by Philip Lee Smith through Friday, July 11.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals, and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations

of French poet Paul Éluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Ground Zero + 7" featuring new work by fine art photographers Marty Schwartz and Joanna Tully. The show runs through June 22.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is presenting "Variations in Clay," a group show featuring the artwork of Kathryn Hackl, Joe McCaffrey, Ruth Jourjine, and Jeanette Solomon through July 12. Sculptures by Peter Voukos and Toshiko Takeazu are on view in the museum building. On view in the Domestic Arts Building are pieces by Peter Callas, Paul Chaleff, Robert T. Cooke, Takeao Okazaki, and Rudolph Serra. Outside, visitors will find work by Larry Estridge and Lila Katzen. The Tots on Tour program, where 3 to 5-year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities, takes place the third Saturday of every month, June through October, at 11 a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds for Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton. Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street,

is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. A curator museum tour of 300 years of Princeton history will be held Friday, June 27, at 3 p.m. Free admission; donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Lilli Gettinger: Memory Transformed" through August 3. Now open in the Wachovia Gallery is "Dog Dogs," a sampling from an extensive series by American photojournalist Elliott Erwitt; the tentative closing date, August 31, is subject to change due to an expansion project at the Museum. "Color: Ten African American Artists" will run in the Fred Beans Gallery through July 6. An outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring Susan Opie will run through June 22. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. "Art and the River" opened at the Della Penna Gallery at James A. Michener Museum in New Hope June 13 and will run through October 5.

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India," an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, through July 31. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. "From Here to the Horizon: American Landscape Prints from Whistler to Celine" will run through July 27. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Lucas Gallery in the Lewis Center for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street, will be hosting an exhibit featuring artwork by Princeton University technical staff from June 21 through Sunday, July 13 at the Lucas Gallery, 185 Nassau Street. The gallery will be closed on July 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Mercer County Community College's Gallery is presenting "Art All Over,"

which runs through July 3. A Gallery Conversation will take place Wednesday, June 18 at noon. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Communications Building on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. Admission and all programs at the Gallery are free and open to the public.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting "Picture Perfect: The Nation's Capital" through January 11, 2009.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its reopening with "Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists. The premiere and a reception will be held on Thursday, June 19 at 5 p.m.

Phillips' Mill, 2619 River Road (Route 32), two miles north of New Hope in Solebury Township, is presenting its 16th annual Juried Photographic Exhibition through June 22, featuring the images of more than 120 photographic

artists from the Delaware Valley and around the country. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 1 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free admission. Information: (215) 622-SS99 or www.phillipsmill.org.

Queenstown Gallery at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell, formerly the Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery, is presenting a solo show of acrylic paintings by Susan Strazzella through late June.

The Ruth Morpeth Gallery at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell is hosting "This Very Body," an exhibit by Hetty Balz that will continue through June 30.

Small World Coffee is showing acrylic paintings by Jessica King at its 254 Nassau Street location through July 1. Hours are Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park is currently presenting the Ellarslie Open XXVI, which will be on view through June 22.



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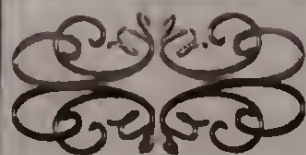
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MUSIC REVIEW

Westminster Community Orchestra Closes Season With Slice of Americana

Even though the school year at Westminster Choir College ended several weeks ago, performing arts on and off campus has continued full force after the student body has long gone. The Westminster Community Orchestra has been rehearsing right into the summer, presenting a refreshing "American Salute" Saturday night in Richardson Auditorium. Conductor Ruth Ochs and the ensemble performed four musical slices of Americana, joined in one number by the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir.

Few 20th century composers captured the American landscape more than Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland, whose works opened and closed the orchestra's program. Bernstein depicted the urban environment with his musical *West Side Story*, selections of which have been subsequently arranged by numerous people. The Westminster Community Orchestra chose Jack Mason's medley of five or six selections from the musical for their concert opening.

The orchestra immediately began with a very full sound; one almost thought a staged musical was about to start. Dr. Ochs' tempi were not overly fast, keeping the ensemble together in tuning, but focusing a bit of the trademark Bernstein jazz bite. This piece was nicely orchestrated by Mr. Mason, with an occasional harp as a pleasant touch.

Aaron Copland's *Rodeo* is a standard of musical Americana, and the four dance episodes presented by the orchestra showed off both good ensemble and solo playing. Dr. Ochs found effective dynamic contrasts between movements, especially between the "Saturday Night Waltz" and the closing "Hoe-Down." Precise brass opened the "Buckaroo Holiday," and instrumental solos by bassoonist Greg Resold and Sandra Moskovitz enlightened the piece.

In between these two towering American composers were two lesser-known works, one including chorus. David Brunner's *Eorhsongs* is a popular choral song cycle among children's choirs, and served to further emphasize the "nature" theme of the concert. The combined choirs of the Westminster Cantus Choir and its subset Concino (part of the Westminster Conservatory Children's Choir program), together with members of the Princeton Day School Middle School Choir, prepared by Yvonne McDonald and Patricia Thel, sang these pastorally orchestrated songs with clean diction and a good strong vocal tone. It was particularly nice to see a fair number of boys in the choral ensemble.

Composer Ferde Grofé came from the same musical vein as Copland, writing pieces reflecting American scenes. *Grand Canyon Suite* recaptures the composer's own trip to the Grand Canyon, opening with a "Sunrise" and closing with a "Sunset" and "Cloudburst." A nice pair of clarinets and horns opened the five movement work, aided by a solo piccolo played by Walter Iannacome and English horn played by Je Oh. The first movement "Sunrise" had a relaxed feel about it, and brightened as the music went along, leading to what must have been a blinding sun over the Canyon.

Throughout the work, solo instrumentalists provided effective lines, including bass clarinetist Karen Pitts and concert mistress Ileana Ciunac. The third movement was held together particularly well by the oboes, pizzicato strings, and percussion.

The underlying theme of this concert seemed to be nature (aided by a clever national parks quiz in the concert program). Hopefully, the refreshing music and reminder of parks helped get summer rolling for the audience.

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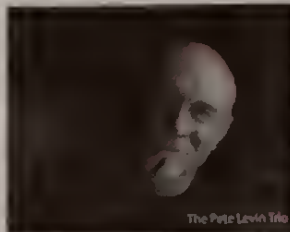
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Summer Concert Series At Shopping Center

The 22nd annual summer concert series at the Princeton Shopping Center will be presented this year by the Arts Council of Princeton. The series will showcase regional acts as well as local favorites.

The concerts will take place every Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m., beginning June 19, and ending August 28. All of the concerts are free and will take place in the newly renovated Princeton Shopping Center courtyard. The audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs for comfortable viewing and listening. The concerts are sponsored by the Princeton Shopping Center Tenant Association, with special contributions by PNC Bank and Main Street Euro American Bistro & Bar.

The following performers are scheduled:

The Klez Dispensers, appearing June 19, offer both traditional and innovative Klezmer sounds. Their latest explorations of Yiddish swing, featuring vocalist Susan Watts, has them restoring and sometimes remixing popular Yiddish songs of the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Find out more at www.klezdispensers.com.

Swingadelic, scheduled for June 26, is an 11-piece "little big band" that plays swinging jazz, blues, and New Orleans music. The band that has a bimonthly spot at

Maxwell's in Hoboken, has appeared at Lincoln Center and the N.J. Performing Arts Center, and has released four CD's. See www.swingadelic.com for more.

On July 3, The Blawenburg Band, founded in 1890, is part of a tradition that began when towns depended on local people to provide live music. Members range in age from their teens to their eighties, and include teachers and students, research scientists and engineers, homemakers, and active retirees. The conductor, Dr. Jerry Rife, is professor of Music and chair of the Music Area at Rider University. Learn more at www.princetonol.com/groups/blawenburgband

The VooDUDES bring their New Orleans funk, blues, boogie-woogie and honky-tonk sound to the courtyard on July 10. Their library of original songs taps into Hank Williams, the jazz funeral tradition, zydeco, and the Beatles. There's more about them at www.thevoodudes.net.

Appearing on July 17, Animus is a Philadelphia-based world fusion music ensemble combining traditions of the Middle East, Greece, India, and Latin America, with jazz, funk, and rock. Their website is www.animusmusic.com.

Alice Leon is the leader and namesake of the Alice Project, appearing on July 24. Ms. Leon writes and

sings in the tradition of Carole King, Carly Simon, Aimee Mann, Jill Sobule, and Suzanne Vega. See more at www.thealiceproject.com.

K.J. Denhart, appearing on August 7, is a vocalist and guitarist, whose style embraces jazz, folk, and funk. Find out more at www.kjdenhart.com.

They may be called Monday Blues, but they're appearing on Thursday, August 14. The Monday Blues Big Band is a 17-member swing/jazz orchestra based in the Mercer County area featuring members from Princeton and surrounding areas.

String Fever, on August 21, will feature three and four part harmonies and soloists singing award-winning songs.

The last program of the season, on August 28, will feature Frank Vignola, a musician, composer and improviser who plays everything from jazz to bluegrass, and "works with everyone and their brother." See more at www.frankvignola.com.

Opera New Jersey Plans Five Preview Concerts

To kick off its 2008 summer season, Opera New Jersey will present five preview concerts designed to familiarize audiences with the operas being presented this season.

The first Summer Preview Concert will be tomorrow, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Princeton Public Library. Admission will be free.

The concert will feature excerpts from Verdi's *Lo Trovato*, Rossini's *Lo Cenerentolo*, and Lehár's *The Merry Widow*.

On Friday, June 20 at 7 p.m., the company will present a Summer Under the Stars concert at Crossing Vineyards and Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa. Admission will be \$10, with an optional picnic supper for \$30. The program will include musical theater favorites in addition to the opera excerpts.

Opera New Jersey singers will then appear on Saturday, June 21 at 8:30 p.m. at Nassau Park Pavillon in a free West Windsor Arts Council concert that will also feature the Princeton GirlChoir at 7 p.m. and Craig Rubano at 7:45 p.m.

Two musical theater concerts, featuring music from *Kiss Me Kate*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *South Pacific*,

Camelot, and *Evita*, will complete the previews at Palmer Square on Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m. Admission to both concerts will be free.

"These preview concerts are wonderful opportunities for us to spotlight the talented performers at Opera New Jersey and to give audiences a taste of our summer offerings," said Scott Altman, the opera company's general artistic director.

For tickets for the company's fully staged operas, which open July 11 at the Berlind Theatre, or for more information about Opera New Jersey's summer season, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

2 Free Concerts Ahead At Pettoranello Gardens

Princeton's Blue Curtain will present two free concerts this Saturday and next in Pettoranello Gardens in Princeton Community Park North at Mountain Avenue and Route 206.

On June 21 at 7 p.m. the Benevento/Russo Duo will perform, joined on the program by The Pete Levin Trio. The Benevento/Russo Duo's new album, *Ploy Pouse*

Stop, will be released July 11. Keyboardist Pete Levin has performed and recorded with hundreds of jazz and pop artists, including Paul Simon, Annie Lennox, Miles Davis, David Sanborn, Gil Evans, and Jimmy Giuffrè. He will perform organ trio material from his latest two CDs, *Deacon Blues* and *Certified Organic*.

The June 28 concert, also at 7 p.m., will feature the Cabo Verdean singer Maria de Barros and the Latin group Agua Dulce Dance

Company. A native of Dakar, Senegal, Ms. de Barros lived the first 13 years of her life in Mauritania in northwest Africa. In addition to the African and Latin flavored coladeiras and bluesy mornas common to her culture's music, she introduces another rhythm, the funana.

The concert series is presented by Blue Curtain and the Princeton Township Recreation Department. For more information on the shows, visit www.bluecurtain.org.

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GOLD STAR: Monica Yuna Chon of Princeton, a freshman at The Lawrenceville School, captured first place in her division and took the overall Gold Prize in the recent Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey. The competition, now in its 17th season, draws talented young pianists 5 to 18 years of age from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The daughter of Andrew and Sook Chon of Princeton Township, Ms. Chon performed at the winners' recital June 15 at Carnegie Hall. A winner of many piano competitions, she has already performed in Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall, Steinway Hall, Yamaha Hall, and the Nicolo Auditorium in Chloggia, Italy. She is also a recipient of the President's Excellence Award in recognition of her outstanding academic excellence, from President Bush.

On Tour, Texas Choir In Concert at Seminary

The 21-member Austin Girls Choir will present a free concert on Monday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel, 64 Mercer Street. The performance is part of a 12-concert Mid-Atlantic tour that will include stops at the White House, the National Cathedral, the Naval Academy Chapel, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The ensemble's program will include swing, Broadway tunes, light classical, and sacred music from the Renaissance to today, sung in four- to six-part harmony.

The Choir, led by Artistic Director Sara Burden-McClure, draws girls from Austin, Texas and surrounding communities. Each June, the ensemble makes a concert tour, singing about a dozen concerts in the U.S. or Europe. The Choir visited the San Francisco Bay area in 2004, English and French cathedrals in 2005, the Chicago area in 2006, and Italian cathedrals in 2007. This year's tour will take the group from Virginia Beach to New York City.

Ms. Burden-McClure, the daughter-in-law of Princeton residents Don and Laura Lee McClure, grew up in Havre de Grace, Maryland and attended Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory at age 15. She began serving as a church musician at age 11, and directing choirs at 13. After graduating from Interlochen Arts Academy, she earned her B.Mus. at Oberlin College Conservatory. In addition to leading Austin Girls' Choir, she is the director of music at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Austin.

Next Summer Concert: Escher String Quartet

The Princeton University Summer Concerts season will continue on Thursday, June 26 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium with a concert by the Escher Quartet. The program will include Bartók's String Quartet No. 3 and the "American" string quartet by Antonin Dvorák.

The Escher String Quartet, which takes its name from the Dutch artist M.C. Escher, was formed in 2005. Almost



TOURING TEXANS: The Austin, Texas Girls Choir will offer a free concert in Princeton on Monday, June 30 as part of its 12-concert East Coast tour that will include stops at the White House and National Cathedral. The concert, featuring Broadway tunes and light classical works as well as sacred music, will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel, 64 Mercer Street.

Immediately it was invited to be quartet-in-residence at two summer festivals, Pinchas Zukerman's National Arts Centre Young Artists Programme in Ottawa, and Itzhak Perlman's Perlman Chamber Music Program on Shelter Island, N.Y.

The Quartet made its Washington, D.C. debut at the Kennedy Center as part of the Conservatory Project, an initiative for musicians from leading conservatories, colleges, and universities, where it represented the Manhattan School of Music.

This season the Escher begins a residency at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center as part of Chamber Music Society Two, a program for young performers in the early stages of their career. Together with pop-folk singer-songwriter Luke Temple, the Quartet performs at Tonic, a nightclub in New York's Lower East Side, and at Union Hall in Brooklyn.

Other Summer Concerts this season will be by the Parker Quartet on Thursday, July 10; the Aulos Ensemble on Tuesday, July 15; and an all-Beethoven concert featuring the Vienna Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, July 24.

All Princeton University Summer Concerts are free to the public. Tickets are available at 6:30 p.m. at the Richardson Auditorium box office. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

July Day Camp Planned For Chamber Musicians

Youngsters from first through eighth grade who play violin, viola, cello, classical guitar, piano, or flute will be able to take group classes on their instruments this summer at a one-week day camp in Trenton sponsored by the Philadelphia-based Blue Mountain Festival. The camp will run from July 21 to 25 at the First Presbyterian Church, 120 East State Street, Trenton, and offer ear-training, movement, and performance classes for chamber ensembles.

A concert to benefit the scholarship fund of Blue Mountain Festival will be presented this Saturday, June 21 at 6 p.m. at Trenton's First Presbyterian Church. The program, presented by the Marcolivia Violin Duo (Olivia Hanjioff and Marc Ramirez) and pianist Luba Sindler, will be a combination of violin duos by Bach, Bartók, and Sarasate, and popular piano pieces by Chopin and Mendelssohn.

The Blue Mountain Festival is a summer program for middle- and high-school stu-

dents that introduces them to the world of chamber music. The Festival began in 2002 and has been expanding ever since. This year the Festival will welcome the young musicians in its new home at Eastern University near Philadelphia.

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MUSICIANS FOR A SUMMER EVENING: The Escher String Quartet — from left, violinist Adam Barnett-Hart, violinist Wu Jie, violist Pierre Lapointe, and cellist Andrew Janss — will present a Princeton University Summer Concert of music by Bartók and Dvorák at Richardson Auditorium on Thursday, June 26 at 8 p.m. Currently in residency at Lincoln Center, the three-year old ensemble made its Washington, D.C. debut at the Kennedy Center. Admission to the Richardson concert will be free.

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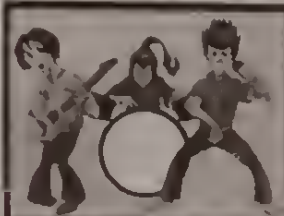
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Tom Stoppard's Verbal, Intellectual, and Erotic Acrobatics Bring "Arcadia" to Life in Princeton Summer Theater Opener

Septimus, what is carnal embrace?" the thirteen-year-old Thomasina Coverly (Laura Hankin) asks her 22-year-old tutor (Daniel Kublick) in the opening lines of Tom Stoppard's intellectually dazzling *Arcadia*, currently playing in Princeton Summer Theater's season opener at Hamilton Murray Theater.

"Carnal embrace is the practice of throwing one's arms around a side of beef," responds the ever-witty Septimus. But Thomasina's inquiries — academic and otherwise — are only beginning, as she digresses from her mathematics assignments.

"Is that all?" she pursues.

"No..." Septimus continues, "a shoulder of mutton, a haunch of venison well hugged, an embrace of grouse ... caro, carnis; feminine; flesh."

Set in 1809 at a large English country estate, then alternately in the present and finally in both eras simultaneously, *Arcadia* addresses not only Thomasina's mischievous question, but additional issues of thermodynamics, chaos theory, algorithms, Newtonian physics, landscape gardening, literary history of the early Romantic period and many varieties of extravagant human behavior.

You won't need a graduate degree in literature or science to enjoy this play — though some English newspapers reportedly sent their science correspondents along with their drama critics to review the initial 1993 production in London, but you may find it frustrating to miss some of the swiftly-moving subtleties of Mr. Stoppard's verbal pyrotechnics and the detailed complexities of the characters' mathematical, scientific, and literary explorations. There are hilarious riffs, lively human interactions, and rich romantic entanglements throughout the modern and early 19th century scenes, though the erudition and sheer cleverness at times overwhelm.

Professional director Alexis Williams and PST artistic director Heather May have assembled an impressive cast of twelve to undertake this challenging material. Allen Grimm, designer and technician at Washington's Arena Stage and elsewhere over the past ten years, returns for his second summer with PST to lead a first-rate production team, featuring Ms. May's stunning set and colorful, spot-on costuming. The well rehearsed ensemble of mostly Princeton University undergraduates and recent graduates, with a couple of welcome NYU additions, ably assumes the British

accents and grasps the lightning fast Stoppard repartee, embodying with conviction both the 19th century and the contemporary figures.

Arcadia, in seven different scenes over two acts, presents the story of the Coverly family of Sidley Park, Derbyshire, 1809, and also the story of the current day researchers trying to reconstruct that story. Septimus, a young scientist and classmate of Lord Byron, tutors Thomasina Coverly. The elegant Lady Croom (Irene Lucio) commanding, passionately, and outspokenly declares her affections for both Septimus and Byron, who is a much discussed visitor to Sidley Park.

Meanwhile a distinguished landscape ar-

chitect (Shawn Fennell) is converting the gardens from the classic to the picturesque romantic style, striking a conflict between head and heart that recurs throughout the play; while the pompous, cuckold poet Ezra Chater (Tyler Crosby) frets over his beautiful, unfaithful wife, who has affairs with both Septimus and with the foolish Captain Brice (John Hardin), brother of Lady Croom. Mrs. Chater and Lord Byron never appear on stage.

In the contemporary scenes, *Arcadia* presents, in exactly the same Sidley Park garden room, Hannah Jarvis (Shannon Lee Clair), a no-nonsense author of gardening books and a book about Byron's mistress; literature professor Bernard Nightingale (Aaron Strand), a ripe subject for Stop-

pard's parody of all things excessive in the world of university intellectual pretentiousness, who is doing research on Lord Byron; and three young Coverly descendants: Valentine (Max Rosmarin), a mathematician romantically inclined towards Hannah; Chloe, enamored of Nightingale; and the socially withdrawn Gus, who is also taken with Hannah.

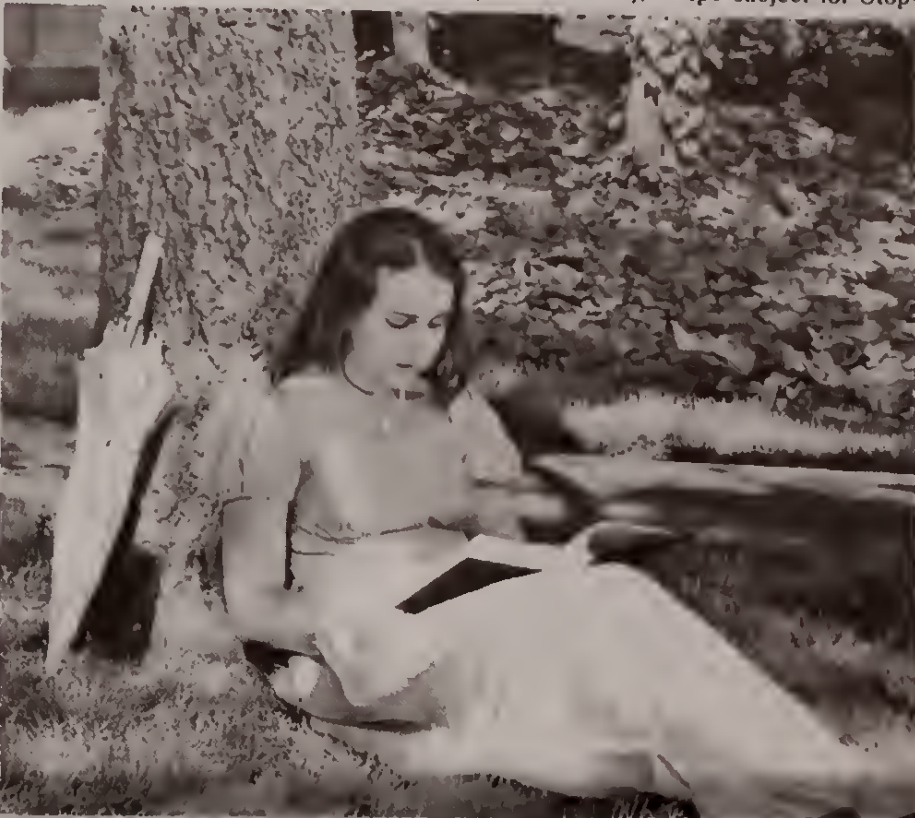
The play becomes a sort of intellectual mystery, a pas de deux between randomness and order, an interweaving of past and present in the spirit of William Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom!*, as the characters struggle to put together the puzzles of history and to make sense of the capricious behavior of their forebears.

The PST ensemble is strong — engaging, larger-than-life when necessary, and well focused in character throughout — well balanced and well rehearsed in a way that makes it impossible to single out individuals. Ms. May's set design with a sharply sloping raked stage that helps to involve the audience in the proceedings and paintings on the walls and backdrops that surround actors and audience with an abundance of nature in the style of Monet's water lilies at Giverny — different country and time period, but beautiful and highly effective nonetheless.

Arcadia is a brilliant piece of work, and this PST production is remarkably strong. There were occasional problems with clarity and enunciation on opening night, and the warm temperature of the Murray Theater was undoubtedly also responsible for the exit of a few audience members at intermission. But the biggest problem here is that Mr. Stoppard has provided too much of a good thing. Three hours of such wit and erudition, as funny and surprising and dazzling as it is, may be beyond the capacity or patience of some audiences. Also, as lavish, professional, energetic and polished as the PST production is, reading the play may yield as many riches, with fewer frustrations over missed bits.

But bravo to Ms. Williams, Ms. May, and their high-powered, talented company! *Arcadia* is a wonderfully ambitious piece to launch PST's forthright season, with much excitement to look forward to in the weeks ahead: William Inge's *Bus Stop*, June 26-July 6; J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*, July 10 to 27; and Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, July 31 to August 10.

—Donald Gilpin



SCHOLARS AND LOVERS: Thomasina Coverly (Laura Hankin), mathematics prodigy — inquisitive about all matters academic and erotic, studies her lessons, in a publicity shot for Princeton Summer Theater's season-opening production of Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia," playing through June 22 at the Hamilton Murray Theater.

Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" will run from June 19-22, with performances Thursday to Saturday at 8 p.m. and matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., at the Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus. Call (609) 258-7062 or visit www.princetonsummertheater.org for information.

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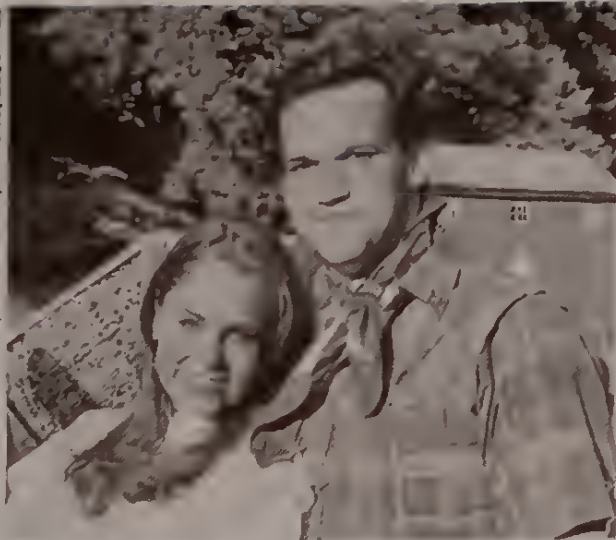
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PEOPLE WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE: Alisa Pettigrove, left, will star as Laurey opposite Jake Delaney as Curly in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma," beginning tomorrow at the Open Air Theater in Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville. Performances will be this weekend and next, Thursday through Sunday nights at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$8 for children, by calling (609) 737-4323.

Free County Concerts Will Begin in Trenton

The annual Mercer County Music in the Park Series, which will be held this summer at various Mercer County Park locations, will open on Thursday, June 26 at noon in Millyard Park in Trenton with a concert by the Jeff Palmer Band. The announcement was made by Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes.

"The show is on the road, so to speak, and we're excited that Mercer County residents can be treated to an eclectic lineup of local musicians at parks near them," said Mr. Hughes. "The Music in the Park Series is another means of summer recreation and community togetherness that Mercer County has to offer."

The full concert schedule follows:

June 26 at noon, Jeff Palmer rock band, Millyard Park, Trenton.

July 18 at Mercer County Park Marina, West Windsor, Carnaby Street ('60s pop) band.

July 19 at 6 p.m. at South River Walk Park, Trenton, Son 7 Latin band.

July 24 at noon at Millyard Park, Arturo Romay Latin band.

August 2 at 6 p.m. at South River Walk Park, the Tone Rangers (soft rock) band.

August 7 at noon at Millyard Park, jazz saxophonist Bradford Hayes.

August 23 at 6 p.m. at Mercer County Park Marina, West Windsor, the Rick Fiore (jazz/blues) Band.

The concerts are free. Food and beverages will be available at each venue.

For more information on the Music in the Park Series, call the Mercer County Park Commission's Recreation/Events Center at (609) 448-7107.



"PENZANCE" PERFORMERS: Alison Trainer, left, will appear as Mabel opposite Benjamin Bunsold as Frederic in Opera New Jersey's summer season production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Berlioz Theatre. The season will open July 11 and include performances of Verdi's "La Traviata," Rossini's "La Cenerentola," and Lehár's "The Merry Widow." For schedules and ticket information, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org. (Photo by Jeff Reeder)

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Jacques Tati's Human Comedy: Crazy Logic and Stray Dogs

"The fact that about 40 technicians have to wait patiently while a dog condescends to relieve himself on a lamp post gives me great financial responsibilities."

—Jacques Tati on the filming of *Mon Oncle* (1958)

Speaking of "financial responsibilities," it took Jacques Tati almost nine years to complete his next film, *Ploytime*, and the only way he could manage that was to borrow from his own funds. A commercial failure, the film left him bankrupt. *Ploytime* is prime Tati but it's very long and exceedingly subtle, and it doesn't have any dogs — at least none as lovably rowdy as the ones in *Mon Oncle*, which marks its 50th anniversary this year.

You can tell a lot about Tati from how he handled the gang of strays happily scampering through *Mon Oncle*. According to his remarks on the brilliantly designed website, *City of Tati* [Totiville], the director borrowed dogs from a pound because he didn't want "circus animals" that had been trained to behave cutely or cleverly. He wanted his dogs to be the epitome of natural movement in a film about the amusingly unnatural way human beings react to whatever environment they inhabit, whether it's a gadget-riddled household monument to modernity or a plastic factory or a gritty, litter-strewn slice of French life, with market vendors and accordion music and overgrown vacant lots where dogs roam at will, marking their territory as they go. According to Tati, by the time filming had been completed, he, his actors, and the crew had become so attached to those dogs ("and they'd become attached to all of us") that instead of sending them back to the pound, he put an ad in the paper offering "the stars" of *Mon Oncle* to people who could give them good homes. Tati's account of two placements reflects his fondness for the comedy of extremes: "One settled down in the very chic Avenue du Bois. He was a very elegant dog. Another ended up with a little retired man in a suburban house in Asnières."

Be Careful

For all the awards it won (Oscar, N.Y. Film Critics, Cannes) and its generally acknowledged place among the most notable works of French cinema, *Mon Oncle* has been faulted for belaboring its gags ("striking the same chord," as François Truffaut put it) as well as for an oversimplified contrast between the sweet disorder of canine-friendly street life that is the title character's element (M. Hulot is played, of course, by Tati) and the outlandishly high-tech home giddily supervised by his sister, Mme. Arpel (Adrienne Servanti). The Arpels live in what Tati describes as a "too well-designed universe [univers trop bien organisé]," adding that "one should be free to say to a man who is building a house: 'Be careful. It might be too well-built' [trop bien]." Tati claims not to be making a point ("People think it is a message, but it isn't [c'est absolument faux]"). If there's any "message," it comes in the form of the advice he would give the officious, humorless M. Arpel (Jean-Pierre Zola) regarding his awkward relationship with his son, Gerard (Alain Bécourt), who prefers the company of his uncle to that of his father: "Your son is only nine and you should enjoy yourself and have a good time with him."

Tati might also say to his critics, "Be careful not to read too much into my film." A statement posted on the Totiville site makes clear that he takes full aesthetic responsibility for his work: "I can assure you that on this film I did everything I wanted to do.

If you don't like it, I'm the one to blame." The extremes of response *Mon Oncle* has generated reflect the powerfully eccentric complexity of Tati's creation, particularly as embodied by the Hulot character his creator (and impersonator) termed "an idiosyncratic misfit [personnage inadapté]." Truffaut, for one, complains about the director's "insane logic" and "totally deformed and obsessive world view": "The closer he seeks to get to life, the farther away he moves." Truffaut's response seems seriously confused (he tempers his criticism in the next paragraph when he says Tati's "art is so great that we would like to be with him 100 percent"). *Mon Oncle*, however, is "formed" with a vengeance and much of the charm and wonder of it is in the chemistry of crazy logic that creates some of its most remarkable moments. All Tati needs to do to get "close to life" is to set his dogs and kids loose, put some concertina music on the soundtrack, and wave the wand that animates the tableau

As for Pauline Kael's incredible assertion that "the unemotional, gawky, but-terfingered Tati" is miscast as Hulot, "the warm friendly uncle," you might as well say that Buster Keaton is miscast as Buster Keaton or Groucho Marx as Groucho Marx. Anyway, what the boy loves in his uncle isn't that he's "warm and friendly" (qualities Kael is forcing on the character); it's that he's so amusingly and effortlessly the antithesis of the "obsessive world view" embodied by the ultramodern house ruled by the dithering hand of the fastidious Mme. Arpel. The same way Gerard enjoys the harmless human chaos created by the pranks of his schoolmates, he enjoys his uncle's talent for creating harmless human chaos. The Cat in the Hat needs help from Thing One and Thing Two. Hulot does it without even trying. Ripples of dysfunction follow wherever he goes.

Writing of Tati in 1957, Truffaut's New Wave colleague Jean-Luc Godard declared that "this moon man is a poet" interested

him actually embrace his nephew, let alone the concierge's daughter, who clearly has a crush on him. Although he allows his nephew to take his hand, Hulot's preferred way of making contact is to touch the object of his affection with the tip of his finger, something he does with both the boy and the girl, usually after vigorously rubbing his hands together.

What ultimately matters is the way the different textures, sounds, and schemata of *Mon Oncle* fall into place. The opening sequence puts everything in play. After posting the credits on signs overlooking a construction site with nothing on the soundtrack but the clatter of a jackhammer, the catchy theme music takes over and the dogs race into view on a street so bespattered with garbage you can almost smell it. Among the mutts rummaging in garbage cans is a plaid-clad dachshund, an obvious outsider who wastes no time in making his mark on the crumbling side of a building chalked with graffiti that carries the movie's title. The scene changes as the dogs race along a more suburban-looking street near the plastic factory (soon to fall victim to Hulot's genius for chaos) and stop short at the high, buzzer-controlled gate of the Arpel residence. The dog squeezes through the bars ("back home after a romp with the boys," in effect) and trots up to Mme. Arpel who holds him at arm's length, appalled by the dirt and the mean-streets stench he's brought into her immaculate sanctuary. Later when Gerard comes home filthy and smelly after his own romp with the boys, he, too, is held at arm's length and then dragged off to be scrubbed, a process shot entirely in silhouette and one of the most brilliant pieces of pure cinema in a film bursting with them.

The Eyes Have It

The comic centerpiece of *Mon Oncle* is the party sequence, which I don't have room to do justice to beyond saying that it's the work of a master of the human comedy. The customary loibles of guests and hosts, of awkwardness, gallantry, embarrassment, are exploited all the more effectively because the square peg of the occasion takes place in the round hole of a design fabricated without any consideration that human beings might be making use of it. The dimensions are all wrong. It's not Hulot's fault that he ends up standing in the pool surrounding the absurd metal fish that spouts water at the touch of a button. Nor is it his fault that the ridiculous Seuss-like devices for holding drinks (long pointed metal poles with little slots for glasses) puncture the water-line feeding the fountain when thrust into the artificial lawn. As wonderful as the party scene is, however, what it leads to is even better.

That night Hulot arrives at the gate with a pair of scissors, never mind why. As he sidles through the gate, he makes a noise that awakens M. and Mme. Arpel; the two round windows on the second floor are alight, and when M. Arpel looks out of one window and Mme. Arpel out of the other, the effect is to make the two windows into a pair of gigantic eyes that look this way and that whenever Hulot makes a sound. It's magical cinema, a sequence that can stand with great set-pieces in Chaplin or Keaton or Lubitsch. You know what Tati is up to; the concept is obvious, almost inevitable, yet watching it work makes you happy. It's pure enjoyment. It makes you feel like a nine-year-old kid playing hooky.

—Stuart Mitchner



vivant of French street life the title character thrives in — even if he often seems to be some form of alien being tricked out in a fedora, a macintosh, a pipe, striped socks, and wielding an umbrella. When M. Hulot strolls about the marketplace fronting the zany, many-leveled Dr. Seuss building he nests on top of, it's as if the Cat in the Hat walked into a René Clair street scene.

in "anything which is at once real, bizarre, and charming" and whose "feeling for comedy" comes from his "feeling for strangeness." In the real world, Hulot would be a candidate for psychotherapy or antidepressants. He never really smiles and rarely speaks. His movements can look both convulsively spontaneous and as mechanical as those of a wind-up toy. You never see

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CINE A REVIEW

The Incredible Hulk

Ed Norton Is Incredible as The Hulk

Five years ago, The Hulk was brought to the big screen by Ang Lee. However, despite critical acclaim, the Academy Award winning director's interpretation of the comic book character flopped at the box office. Now, Universal Pictures has decided to go back and reintroduce the Marvel Comics superhero, and to ignore the earlier adaptation of the picture.

The new picture is directed by Louis Leterrier (*The Transporter*) who has chosen to overhaul the entire cast. Gone are Eric Bana as the title character, Jennifer Connelly, Nick Nolte, Sam Elliott, and Josh Lucas. This version stars Ed Norton as Dr. Bruce Banner, a scientist who was conducting research with gamma rays when something went horribly wrong in the lab.

Via flashbacks we learn that, after he seemingly recovered from the accident, Bruce has a short fuse on his temper and that he is transformed into an invincible green behemoth whenever he fails to control his anger. We also learn that Bruce's girlfriend Betty (Liv Tyler) was knocked unconscious in the same accident and that, as a result, her father — Army General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross (William Hurt) — blames Bruce for his daughter's injuries.

As the story unfolds, we find that Bruce has run from the authorities in the U.S. and is now working on an as-

sembly line in a Brazilian bottling factory which produces soft drinks. He's been quietly trying to find a cure for his condition while keeping a low profile.

However, a cut on his finger leads to a bit of his radioactive blood dropping into a container of soda about to be shipped to America. Before you can say "Ay Caramba!" the source of the contaminated crate of soda is traced back to the factory in Brazil and a crack team of Army commandos soon descends on the facility. The mild mannered Banner, who had been incommunicado for almost six months, loses his temper and turns into The Hulk and manages to escape.

He returns to the States and enlists the assistance of Betty, who by now has completely recovered from the accident. However, her dad's right-hand man, Blonsky (Tim Roth), finds out about their liaison and is on their tail. Worse, Blonsky morphs into a superhuman adversary, called The Abomination, after voluntarily being injected with an experimental radioactive serum.

This development leads to a spectacular showdown in Harlem. At this point, computer generated imagery dominates the screen, with the protagonist and his new opponent knocking each other up and down 125th Street in a special effects driven battle which looks like a cartoon.

With its uncomplicated plot and high impact action sequences, this child-friendly adventure is a perfect summer blockbuster. Look for the closing credits cameo by fellow Marvel superhero Iron Man which suggests that a sequel, which would include him, might be in the works. Also look for a brief tribute appearance by Lou Ferrigno who originated the role of the Hulk on TV, and by the character's comic book creator, the legendary Stan Lee.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated PG-13 for violence, frightening science-fiction images, and suggestive content. In English and Portuguese with subtitles. Running time: 114 minutes. Studio: Universal Pictures.

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The Children of Huang Shi (R for violence and disturbing images). Historical drama, set in China in 1937, chronicles the real-life exploits of George Hogg (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers), a British journalist who, with the help of an Australian nurse (Radha Mitchell) and a leader of the resistance movement (Chow Yun Fat), saves sixty orphans from the clutches of Japanese invaders by leading them on a perilous trek through the mountains to the Mongolian border. Suspiciously similar to the 1958 screen classic *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*. (In English, Mandarin, Japanese, and Russian with subtitles).

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG for violence and epic battle scenes). Based on the second of the C.S. Lewis series of children's fantasy novels, this sequel sends the four Pevensie siblings (William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, and Georgie Henley) on another time-traveling adventure to a magical land – on this occasion to help overthrow an evil king (Sergio Castellitto) so that the exiled, rightful heir (Ben Barnes) might ascend to the throne. Cast includes Liam Neeson, Tilda Swinton, and Eddie Izzard.

The Foll (R for violence). Escapist sci-fi saga set in L.A. in the 1920s about a little girl (Cantina Untaru) recovering from a fall who is befriended by a bedridden hospital patient (Lee Pace) capable of capturing her imagination by spinning a vivid tale mixing fantasy and reality.

Get Smart (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and crude humor). Screen adaptation of the sixties spy sitcom stars Steve Carrell as Maxwell Smart, aka Secret Agent 86. Gadget-driven, slapstick adventure pits the bumbling Smart and fellow CONTROL agents against Kaos, an evil crime syndicate masterminded by Siegfried (Terrence Stamp) and bent on world domination. Cast includes Anne Hathaway as 99, Alan Arkin as the Chief, David Koechner as Larabee, The Rock as Agent 23, and Bill Murray as Agent 13.

The Hopping (R for violent and disturbing images). M. Night Shyamalan directs this sci-fi thriller about a teacher (Mark Wahlberg) who escapes to the Pennsylvania countryside with his estranged wife (Zooey Deschanel) in an effort to avoid the airborne toxin which has been causing people in cities to commit suicide. With John Leguizamo, Ashlyn Sanchez, and Spencer Breslin.

The Incredible Hulk (PG-13 for action violence, frightening sci-fi images, and brief suggestive content). Edward Norton replaces Eric Bana as the Marvel Comics superhero in a screen adaptation which totally overhauls the cast from Ang Lee's 2003 production while also ignoring the original's plot. Here, the Hulk seeks a cure for the condition which causes him to morph into a giant green monster when stressed. New cast includes Liv Tyler, William Hurt, Tim Roth, Robert Downey Jr., and Tim Blake Nelson, with cameos by Stan Lee and Lou Ferrigno.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13 for violence and scary images). Harrison Ford returns for a fourth adventure as the famed archeologist, set in 1957 in the jungles of Peru, in a desperate race against Russian spies to find an ancient artifact said to hold the key to a host of magical powers. Spielberg directed cast includes Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Ray Winstone, Jim Broadbent, John Hurt, and Karen Allen.

Iron Man (PG-13 for intense violence and brief suggestive content). Screen adaptation of the Marvel Comics series features Robert Downey Jr. in the title role as a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor turned crime-fighting superhero intent on saving the planet from evil villains bent on world domination. Cast includes Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard, and Samuel L. Jackson, with a cameo by the character's creator, Stan Lee.

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G). Depression era drama, inspired by the illustrated children's novel of the same name by Valerie Tripp, stars Abigail Breslin as a spunky nine year old who, with the help of her friends, sets out to solve the string of robberies around Cincinnati which has left her already cash-strapped family facing foreclosure. With Joan Cusack, Julia Ormond, Jane Krakowski, Stanley Tucci, and Willow Smith.

Kung Fu Panda (PG for martial arts action). Animated comedy about a clumsy panda bear (Jack Black) working as a waiter in his family's noodle restaurant who is called upon to fulfill an ancient Chinese prophecy by defending his idyllic, peaceful homeland from a menacing snow leopard (Ian McShane) threatening the kingdom. Voice cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Lucy Liu, Jackie Chan, Angelina Jolie, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Seth Rogen.

The Love Guru (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, slapstick violence, crude humor, and drug references). Mike Myers comedy vehicle about an orphan abandoned at an ashram in India who employs some unorthodox therapeutic methods upon his return to the U.S. as a relationship advice expert. Cast includes Jessica Alba, Jessica Simpson, Jessica Barrow, Meagan Good, Sir Ben Kingsley, Vern Troyer, and Justin Timberlake.

The Promotion (R for profanity, sexual references, and drug use). Workplace comedy pits a couple of Chicago grocery store assistant managers (Sean William Scott and John C. Reilly) against each other as they vie for a managerial position at the chain's new location. Cast includes *Saturday Night Live*'s Fred Armisen, Masi Oka, and Spo.

Sex and the City (R for profanity, sexuality, and graphic nudity). Screen adaptation of the popular HBO series picks up four years after the show ended, with all the leading ladies (Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, and Kristin Davis) as well as four objects of their affections (David Eigenberg, Evan Handler, Chris Noth, and Jason Lewis) reprising their original roles in a candid romp updating their relationships. Cast includes Candace Bergen, Jennifer Hudson, and comedian Mario Cantone.

The Strongers (R for violence, terror, and profanity). Hair-raising horror flick about a young couple (Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman) whose vacation retreat to a remote country cottage turns into a bloody battle for survival after a home invasion by three sadistic masked strangers. With Gemma Ward, Kip Weeks, and Laura Margolis.

Then She Found Me (R for profanity and sexuality). Helen Hunt makes her script-writing and directorial debut and stars in this dramatic comedy about a New York City schoolteacher who, saddened by the death of her adoptive mother (Lynn Cohen) and abandoned by her husband (Matthew Broderick), gets a new lease on life when she's courted by the father (Colin Firth) of one of her students and also tracked down by the birth mother (Bette Midler) she never knew. Featuring a cameo by Salman Rushdie.

The Visitor (PG-13 for brief profanity). Sophomore offering from actor-turned-director Thomas McCarthy (*The Station Agent*), a quirky ensemble drama revolving around a jaded professor (Richard Jenkins) at a college in Connecticut who heads to New York to attend a conference only to find a young couple from Senegal (Danai Jekesai Gurira) and Syria (Haaz Sleiman) living in his pied-a-terre.

War, Inc. (R for violence, profanity, and brief sexuality). Political satire about the efforts of a former American Vice-President (Dan Aykroyd) to monopolize the economy of a mythical, war-torn nation on behalf of a corporation by hiring a hit man (John Cusack) to kill a Middle Eastern oil minister. With Joan Cusack, Marisa Tomei, Hilary Duff, and Ben Kingsley.

You Don't Mess with the Zohan (PG-13 for nudity, profanity, sexuality, and crude humor). Action comedy starring Adam Sandler in the title role as an Israeli secret agent who fakes his own death to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a beautician in New York City. Cast includes John Turturro, Rob Schneider, Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Talia Shire, George Takei, Mariah Carey, Dave Matthews, Lainie Kazan, Charlotte Rae, and Shelley Berman.

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7:30 p.m.: Princeton Festival screening of *Moulin Rouge*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Talking Politics book discussion with Susan Jacoby, author of *The Age of American Unreason*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

Thursday, June 19

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Princeton HealthCare System's Taste of Wellness expo; Princeton Windrows, 2000 Windrow Drive. Free.

6 p.m.: The Klez Dispensers; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: *Oklahomol*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey preview concert; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton Summer Theater production of Tom Stoppard's *Arcodlo*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 8 p.m.

Friday, June 20

6:30 p.m.: Karen Zumbunni Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.: Opera New Jersey preview concert; Crossing Vineyards & Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Wash-

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7:05 p.m.: Annual Princeton Fire Department inspection and parade; from corner of Chestnut and Nassau Streets to Witherspoon Street to Township Municipal Complex.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Vic DiBitetto and Cal Verducci; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton Festival's *Mirette*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: *Twilight of the Golds*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

9 p.m.: Late Night Series (live music, poetry, spoken word, drama, dance, comedy, film/video); Studio Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Free.

Saturday, June 21

7 p.m.: Blue Curtain concert with Benevento/Russo Duo and Pete Levin; Pettoranello Gardens, Princeton Community Park North, Mountain Avenue. Free.

7 p.m.: West Windsor Arts Council concert with Princeton Girlchoir, Opera New Jersey singers, and Broadway/cabaret singer Craig Rubano; Nassau Park Pavilion, Nassau Park, Route 1.

8 p.m.: Princeton Festival's *La Boheme*; McCarter Theatre.

8:30 p.m.: Bad Apples jazz band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, June 22

3 p.m.: Princeton Festival's presentation of *Concordia Chamber Players*; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.: West Windsor Arts Council's Summer Solstice Poetry 7 readings by poets BJ Ward and Catherine Magia; tent behind Panera Bread, Nassau Park Pavilion.

8 p.m.: Capital Singers of Trenton and Trenton Community Singers "Sing for Joy" concert; Incarnation Church, 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing.

Monday, June 23

12:30 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource Center video screening of *Sutherland-Horne Gala*; Suzanne Patterson Building.

5 p.m.: The Backyardigans Live!; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.

7 p.m.: Willy Wonko and the Chocolate Factory; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: African American Interest Book Group discussion of Lorene Cary's *The Price of a Child*; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair Mall.

7:30 p.m.: Torture Awareness Month talk by Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Stephen Xenakis, M.D.; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, June 25

7 p.m.: Coalition for Peace Action screening of *Body of War*; Garden Theater. For tickets, call CFPA at (609) 924-5022.

7:30 p.m.: U.S. 1 Poets Eloise Bruce and Angelo Verga; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission; Room A, Township Municipal Complex.

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Thursday, June 26

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8 p.m.: Singer Sarah Donner; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Finals of Princeton Festival piano competition for pianists ages 6 to 24; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with the Escher Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

Friday, June 27

7 p.m.: Lynn Randall Quartet; Crossing Vineyards & Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

7:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey preview concert; Palmer Square. Also Saturday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert with singer-guitarist Jeffrey Gaines; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Princeton Festival's *La Boheme*; McCarter Theatre. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: Shakespeare '70

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8 p.m.: Comedian Louis C.K.; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

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8 p.m.: *Twilight of the Golds*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Mercer County Household Chemical Waste and Electronics Waste Disposal Day; Dempster Fire School, Bakers Basin/Lawrence Station Road, Lawrence Township.

9:45 a.m.: Blues/bluegrass duet Carm and John; West Windsor Farmers Market, Princeton Junction train station.

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Blueberry Bash; Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road. Free. Also Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

3 p.m.: Princeton Festival's *Mirette*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street.

5 p.m.: Gospel concert benefiting HomeFront; Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 189 South Broad Street, Trenton.

7 p.m.: Blue Curtain concert with Cabo Verdean singer Maria de Barros and Agua Dulce Dance Company; Pettoranello Gardens, Princeton Community Park North, Mountain Avenue. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton Festival concert with organist Marilyn Keiser; Princeton University Chapel.

8:30 p.m.: Ryat and Tim Conley jazz/folk band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

10 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Blues band The Ramblin Dawgs; Tap Room, Nassau Inn, Palmer Square.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 18 – Wednesday, June 25

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108
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Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, June 18:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Thursday, June 19:

10:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.

Friday, June 20:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m. Let's Talk English Too; RC.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag: Estate Planning for Families of Adult Children with Disabilities; SPB.

Monday, June 23:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:30 p.m. Opera: *Sutherland-Horne Gala*; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bereavement Support; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
2:30 p.m. Yoga; HBH.

Tuesday, June 24:

10:30 a.m. Sittin' & Knittin'; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, June 25:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
2:00 p.m. History Trip; Bainbridge.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

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Sports

Princeton Women's Ice Hockey Star Sherry Taking Another Step Up International Ladder

Sasha Sherry knows what it's like to excel on ice hockey's international stage.

Last January, the Princeton University women's hockey defenseman helped Team USA earn a gold medal in the Under-18 World Championships in Calgary, Alberta.

This week, Sherry will take another step in her international career as she heads up to Lake Placid, N.Y. to take part in a try-out camp for the U.S. Women's Under-22 select team.

The 6'0 rising sophomore will be bringing an extra dose of confidence into the camp due to her experience in Calgary.

"It was a great experience to play against the other countries like Sweden, Czechoslovakia, and especially Canada," recalled Sherry, who had a goal and two assists in the U-18 tourney, finishing with a +13 goal differential.

"There was great instruction from different coaches; I learned different strategies and tricks playing with girls I had never played with. We all stepped up and brought our best."

Sherry's best memory of the experience came when the U.S. players received their medals.

"They played the winning team's anthem after every game," added Sherry. "We were arm in arm on the blue line singing the national anthem after the gold medal game; it was a perfect way to end the tournament."

Unfortunately for Sherry, things didn't end perfectly for Princeton upon her return to the team as the Tigers went 14-12-6 and got swept 2-0 by Clarkson in the first round of the ECAC Hockey playoffs.

"There were so many one-goal games," said Sherry, who was Princeton's fourth leading scorer this past winter with 21 points on five goals and 16 assists.

"I hope next year's group will be able to get wins and ties in those games. It was frustrating; I think it will make us want it more."

In assessing her progress freshman year, Sherry acknowledged that she had some frustrating moments.

"When I got back from the U-18 tournament, I was a little off ... I messed up the warmup in the first game," said Sherry with a laugh.

"I matured as a player each game; there were ups and downs. It was a good learning experience. Some games I was good and then the next game, I wasn't so good. If you look at the stats, it was a pretty good year."

Sherry, a second team-All ECAC selection and a member of the league's All-Rookie team, is focused on being physically and mentally stronger on the ice.

"I definitely want to be more conditioned; I need to have more speed and quickness to the puck," asserted Sherry.

"I need to be more confident on the power play. I need to improve my all-around skills. I want to be more of a leader. I've been through things now, so things won't be new next year."

As Sherry battles in Lake Placid to earn a spot on the U-22 team, she will go through a lot of challenges.

"It's very intense; it's like a hoot camp with your friends," said Sherry, who will be joined at the camp by fellow Princeton defenseman Katherine Dineen.

"They put you through multiple tests on ice and off the ice. They also evaluate you as a person and consider your character."

The daily schedule at the camp does amount to a survival test. "It's 12 hours a day and the coaches are with you almost the whole time," explained Sherry.

"There is usually a practice on the ice in the morning and then another practice or game in the evening. There are running tests, weight lifting tests, skating tests. It's a week of really hard work; everyday is tiring, you have to get your rest and take care of yourself."

Sherry is determined to make an impression on the coaches. "I need to be aggressive on the ice," said Sherry.

"Sometimes it looks like I'm not into it; I need to work as hard as I can in every drill."

One thing that should help make work a little less arduous will be the presence of teammate Dineen in the camp.

"It's very comforting to have Dineen there; we are pretty close after playing on defense all year together," said Sherry, who will be one of the youngest players at that camp, having turned 18 this past April. "We can commiserate and bounce things off of each other."

With an ultimate goal of someday playing for the U.S. Women's National Team in the Winter Olympics, Sherry knows that bouncing up to the U-22 team would be a



WORLD CLASS: Princeton University women's hockey star defenseman Sasha Sherry heads up the ice in action this past season. Sherry, who helped Team USA earn a gold medal in the Under-18 World Championship last January, is heading up to Lake Placid, N.Y. next week to take part in a try-out camp for the U.S. Women's Under-22 select team. Sherry was a second team-All ECAC Hockey selection and a member of the league's All-Rookie team this past winter in her freshman season with the Tigers.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

big step in that direction.

"I was really excited to get invited," said Sherry. "When you are on the U-18 team, the hope is to get to try out for the U-22 team as soon as possible. It's definitely a key step. I know I have a few years but it would be great to get on it now."

—Bill Alden

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Princeton's Sailer Gets Surprise Package, Stunned by Selection to Lax Hall of Fame

Chris Sailer came home a few weeks ago to find a Federal Express package unexpectedly lying on her doorstep.

Upon opening it, the longtime Princeton University women's lacrosse head coach learned she had received a surprise package some 22 years in the making — the notification of her selection into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

"I didn't have any idea I was being considered; it was a total surprise," recalled Sailer, who has posted a 282-96 record in her 22 years at Princeton and will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame on November 10 in Hunt Valley, Md.

"I was excited but shocked. It is special; it is the highest honor within the sport. It encompasses all levels, players, coaches, and officials."

Sailer was a bit of a surprise package when she arrived at Princeton in 1987.

"I was really fortunate to get the opportunity; I didn't have much coaching experience," said Sailer, a 1981 graduate of Harvard where she starred at field hockey and lacrosse.

"I had coached in high school for three years; I had helped out at Penn while doing some graduate study. I had played in the Ivy League. I had a lot of respect for the league and the quality of lacrosse played there."

Noting that she learned a lot from her college coach Carole Kleinfelder, Sailer tried to emulate the hallmarks of the Harvard program.

"I didn't have any grand notions of success," said Sailer, who was taking over a program that had gone a combined 6-33 in the previous three seasons. "I was looking to play top competition, expecting a lot from the players; setting the bar high and getting kids as driven about the sport as I am."

Princeton didn't experience a lot of success in Sailer's first two seasons, going 3-9 in 1987 and 7-7 the next year.

In 1989, the Tigers had a breakthrough season, going

14-3 and advancing to the NCAA Final Four.

Sailer points to that season as a pivotal campaign in her tenure. "That was definitely a turning point; the kids were good," added Sailer. "I was lucky that there was a good class of freshmen already there when I arrived."

By 1994, the Tigers were the class of the country as they won the national title, topping Maryland 10-7 in the championship game.

"That was huge," said Sailer, reflecting on the season with saw Princeton go 16-1.

"Kim Simons was a real big recruit for us; she was the first very high profile player who decided to come to Princeton; she was at another level. She was so mentally tough; she was not everybody's best friend on the field. The kids rallied around her; we were just fortunate to have so many good athletes."

Sailer felt fortunate to reach the top of her sport's mountaintop. "It was really

rewarding; it was everything you are working for," said Sailer, a native of Haverford, Pa., who is already a member of the athletic halls of fame at Harvard and Haverford High as well as the US Lacrosse New England and Philadelphia/Eastern Pennsylvania Hall of Fame.

"It was also a statement for the players who had come before and had given everything they had to build things."

Princeton reached new heights in 2002 and 2003 when it became one of the few programs in women's lacrosse history to win back-to-back national crowns.

"We had a great class of recruits; we were able to recruit some really good players," said Sailer. "In 2002, we had seven seniors playing together. They loved to play together; they pushed each other. It was a dream season."

For Sailer, the relationship she has forged with her players makes coaching a dream job.

"That's the best part of the job, getting to work with players," said Sailer.

"College is such a formative part of their identity and to have a positive influence and help them achieve things is very special."

Not resting on her laurels, Sailer is already looking forward to achieving some special things next season.

"I am excited about having such a strong senior class; they all play and they are great leaders," maintained Sailer, whose 2008 team went 13-5 and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals.

"The challenge increases every year; the number of programs is growing and the recruiting timetable in the Ivy League makes it tough. There are a lot of kids who have already committed before we can try to recruit them. Princeton will always attract athletes who are serious about sports and academics; they compete hard while still upholding the values of the place."

Players who are the whole package, just like their Hall of Fame coach.

—Bill Aiden



SAILING LESSON: Princeton University women's lacrosse head coach Chris Sailer consoles former standout and current assistant Elizabeth Pillion during the 2005 season. Last month, Sailer was named as one of eight 2008 Inductees for the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Sailer has posted a 282-96 record in her 22 years at Princeton and will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame on November 10 in Hunt Valley, Md. (Photo by Bill Aiden, NJ SportAction)



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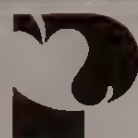
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PU Sports Roundup

Hoops Legend Carril Receives Fields Award

Former Princeton University men's basketball head coach Pete Carril was recently presented with the Dr. Carl A. Fields Memorial University Service Award by the Association of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA).

Carril, a 1997 inductee into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame after 29 seasons (1967-96) and 514 victories on the Tiger bench, received the distinguished award for his "many years of coaching, educating, and positively influencing Princeton basketball players, and especially black players."

"Often, Coach Carril has deflected the individual recognition he has received and chosen to spotlight the players, assistant coaches, professors, and supporters of the program that he worked with over the years," said current Princeton men's hoops head coach Sydney Johnson '97.

"Even so, we all are smarter and better in our respective pursuits largely

due to our interactions with Coach Carril. He is a true teacher."

In attendance at the ceremony were several of Carril's former players, including Johnson, current Georgetown head coach and former Princeton head coach John Thompson III '88, Tiger great Brian Taylor '84, director of the View Park Prep Accelerated Charter Middle School in South Los Angeles, Craig Robinson '83, head coach at Oregon State, and John W. Rogers Jr. '80, chairman and CEO of Ariei Capital Management in Chicago.

Carril joins Rogers, Thompson, and Steve Mills '81, president and chief operating officer of Madison Square Garden Sports, as former members of the Princeton men's basketball program who have been honored by the ABPA.

PU Hockey's Stankievecch Named Academic All-American

Recently graduated Princeton University men's hockey player Landis Stankievecch was selected last week to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America men's at-large second team.

The Trochu, Alberta, native was a recipient of a Rho-

des Scholarship, Princeton's Pyne Prize and the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award this season.

Stankievecch excelled at Princeton in the classroom and on the ice. He has received several extraordinary academic distinctions during his Princeton career as well as producing memorable moments on the ice, including his 2005 game-winning goal against two-time defending National Champion Denver and his game-winning goal this season against Harvard in the ECAC Championship game.

Stankievecch, a mechanical and aerospace engineering major from Trochu, Alberta, will attend Oxford next fall.

PU Pitcher Miller Signs Pro Deal

Princeton University pitching standout Steven Miller came to terms on a minor league deal with the Kansas City Royals last weekend and will report for duty with one of Kansas City's Rookie Ball teams, the Pioneer League's Idaho Falls Chukars.

Miller, who graduated from Princeton earlier this month, was not selected in the Major League Baseball Draft but signed following a try-out earlier this week.

Miller and the Chukars open their season on June 17 against the Casper Ghosts.

The hard-throwing right-hander is Princeton's leader in career appearances (58), pitching out of the bullpen for two seasons before becoming a starter for the final two.

The Ocala, Fla. native was 3-2 with a 4.36 ERA as a senior. He struck out a team-high 55 batters in 53.2 innings and threw a no-hitter against Cornell in his final Princeton outing. For his career, Miller went 10-15 with a 4.06 ERA and 140 strikeouts in 175.2 innings of work. He also recorded three saves.

Miller becomes the third member of the Princeton baseball Class of 2008 to become affiliated with a Major League team. Classmates Spencer Lucian (New York Yankees) and Christian Staehely (Seattle Mariners) were each drafted last week and are attending minicamps this week prior to their assignments. The trio joins six other Tigers currently playing at the Major or Minor League level.

PU Swim Star Aemisegger Earns National Honor

Princeton University sophomore swimming star Alicia Aemisegger was named the 2008 Division I Women's Mid-Major Swimmer of the Year for the second straight season and led a cast of seven Tigers on the Mid-Major All-America Team, which is selected by CollegeSwimming.com.

Aemisegger also earned The Jerry Horton Award for the Most Valuable Swimmer or Diver at the team's post-season banquet.

Aemisegger, the two-time Ivy League Championships Swimmer of the Meet, completed another record-breaking season for Princeton, which has won three straight Ivy League titles and eight of the last nine. Aemisegger reached the NCAA finals in the 500 freestyle, 400 individual medley, and 1650 free to earn first-team All-America honors in each, and she led the 800 free relay team to an honorable mention All-America honor at the NCAA Championships.

Justina DiFazio, a multiple-time Ivy champion throughout her career, was recognized for her perfor-

mance in the 200 and 800 free relays, as well as the 100 free, while classmate Monika Friedman was honored in the 200 butterfly and 400 medley relay. Friedman swept the fly events at the 2008 Ivy championship meet and reached the NCAA Championships in the 200.

Sophomore Courtney Kilguts, who broke Aemisegger's 200 IM record at the 2007 Big Al Open and reached the NAAs in the same event, was honored in the 100 IM and 100 breast while freshman Meredith Monroe was honored in the 100 and 200 back, as well as the 200 free relay, the 400 medley relay and the 800 free relay.

Shiflett and classmate Lisa Hamming earned spots on the Mid-Major All-America team in their final seasons. Shiflett, the 100 and 200 free champion at the Ivy championship meet, was honored for those events, as well as the 200 free relay, the 400 medley relay and the 800 free relay. Hamming, the 2007-08 co-captain, was honored in the 200 IM, the 400 IM and the 200 free relay.

The honors didn't end there for Hamming. At the Princeton women's swimming and diving post-season banquet, Hamming was presented both The Class of 1974 Women's Swimming & Diving Award and The Class of 2000 Susan S. Teeter Award.

The Class of 1974 Award goes to that upperclass woman who has shown consistent dedication to the sport and who has done the most to inspire team unity and enthusiasm while the Teeter Award goes to the senior swimmer or diver who, during her four year career, has distinguished herself as both an outstanding student and a valuable member of the women's swimming team.

Monroe was named as the team's outstanding freshman while senior Brittany Delgado won the Friends of Princeton Swimming and Diving Award, which goes to the member of the women's swimming and diving team whose perseverance in practice and effort in competition have led to greatest improvement overall, during a single year or over a period of years.

Princeton Men's Swim Team Names Cpts, Award Winners

Rising Princeton University seniors Robert Griest, Doug Lennox, and Will Schaffer, each of whom have been steady EISL (Eastern Intercollegiate Swim League) contributors since they first stepped on campus, will serve as tri-captains for the 2008-09 Princeton University men's swimming and diving team.

The three will look to lead Princeton back to the top of the EISL championship race, where it has stood twice in the last three years.

Griest, a distance specialist, has been a member of the conference team every year since he came to Princeton. He has six top-five finishes at the EISL championships, including three second-place finishes (two in the 1000, one in the 1650).

Lennox, who earned a berth on the 2008 Puerto Rican Olympic squad this past winter, is a two-time EISL champion and a 2008 All-America honoree. One year after winning the 2007 EISL 100 fly, Lennox captured the 200 fly at the 2008 championships and placed fourth in the event at the NCAA Championships. Lennox is a perfect 9-for-9 in reaching individual championship finals at the EISL championships.

Schaffer has also been a consistent point-scorer at EISLs, where he has earned seven top-five finishes in his career.

In addition to naming its captains, the program also announced team award winners for the 2007-08 season.

Michael Baity was named as the winner of the War Memorial Swimming Trophy which goes to that senior member of the men's swimming squad who has made the outstanding contribution during upperclass years to the sport through diligence in studies, devotion to swimming, and excellence in performance.

Colin Hanna won the William B. Nash Memorial Trophy which honors outstanding sportsmanship and performance by a freshman. Bern Ebersole won the John Alan Swabey Memorial Trophy for contribution through spirit, sportsmanship, and improvement in swimming.

Lennox and Pat Biggs shared the Dermot F. Quinn Memorial Award which goes to that member of the swimming team who best illustrates the qualities of intense determination and effort in workouts exemplified by Dermot F. Quinn and who has provided a constant source of inspiration by his performance in practice.

The Matthew R. Weiner Class of 2002/C. Rob Orr Award went to Stan Buncher which is given to that senior member of the men's team who consistently demonstrates those qualities shared by Weiner and Orr of inspirational dedication with integrity, a challenging intensity, and a genuine respect for himself, his teammates, and his university.



BAR EXAM: Princeton University sophomore high jumper Justin Frick clears the bar in action this spring. Last week, Frick competed in the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa where he made the finals and finished 11th overall in his event. Frick cleared 2.14 meters (7 feet, 1/4 inch) on his third and final attempt to earn his placing. Princeton junior distance star Jolee VanLeuven also performed well for the Tigers, finishing ninth in the 10,000 meters final in a time of 34:09.51.

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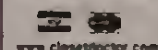
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Former PHS Boys' Lacrosse Star Murphy Perseveres to Become Captain at Providence

Bennett Murphy realized he was a long shot when he tried out for the Providence College men's lacrosse team in the fall of 2003.

While the former Princeton High star stood 6'4 and boasted a high school resume that included more than 100 career goals, Murphy knew he wasn't Providence head coach Chris Burdick's cup of tea.

"I knew the coach was not typically into my type of player," said Murphy, who wasn't recruited by Providence and was trying to make the team as a walk-on. "He likes quicker, shorter attackers; I'm the opposite of that."

Opposites didn't attract as Murphy was cut from the squad after a week. Undeterred, Murphy played in men's leagues in the area and worked to improve his quickness.

In the fall of 2004, Murphy made the team but he knew he still had to win Coach Burdick over. That spring, Murphy got on the field and wasted no time in making an impression, scoring a goal on his first shot.

The productive Murphy worked his way into the lineup, scoring 13 points on five goals and eight assists in nine appearances and helping Providence make it to the NCAA tournament.

By 2007, Murphy developed into a go-to player for Providence, scoring 26 points on 21 goals and five assists as the Friars won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) title and lost to Duke in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

This past spring, Murphy, now a graduate student in the Providence business school, served as a team captain and ended his career by leading the team with 37 points on 23 goals and 14 assists. After the season, he was awarded the team's Mark C. Cordon "Heart and Soul" Award, the program's most prestigious honor.

In reflecting on his career, Murphy relishes how he was able to earn his coach's respect.

"He still wasn't sold on me as a sophomore," recalled Murphy.

"I was scoring a lot on the scout team in practice and then one game he turned to me and put me in. I ran onto the field and got into the crease area, took a pass and scored right away. I was starting after that; I played in every game the rest of my career except for one game I missed due to an injury."

Coach Burdick acknowledged that it took him awhile to appreciate Murphy's talents.

"The first thing I remember about Bennett was that he wasn't as mobile as we wanted; he needed to work on a lot of things," said Burdick, who has guided the Friar lacrosse program for 10 seasons.

"He was the last person we cut; he just wasn't ready yet. He worked his tail off and he was almost a different player when he came back. He was able to move better, he had lost some weight, he was much more athletic."

While Murphy has set a personal example of perseverance, the Providence

team collectively showed rare character in 2007 when it started 0-8 but ended up making it to the NCAA tournament.

"The whole senior class was able to keep the team together," recalled Murphy, noting that he and his classmates shared the Cordon Award after that season. "We focused on playing for the next game; we were able to play our way in."

In Murphy's view, the team's balanced offense is another factor in the program's success in his career.

"Our offense gives us the chance for everybody to be involved," said Murphy. "There was a bunch of us in the 20 goal range; we don't run plays for one guy."

Burdick credits Murphy for triggering the Providence offense. "Bennett was like a coach on the field; he ran our offense," said Burdick.

"He would give me hand signals as he was going down the field. He was like

Terry Bradshaw calling plays at the line of scrimmage. He knew where everyone should be and he was able to get them in the right spot."

This past spring, Murphy knew he was in an important spot as the team captain.

"It was an honor; it was a lot of responsibility and accountability," said Murphy.

"You have to monitor everything that is going on and make sure the guys are doing the right things; sometimes you have to be the guy that says something isn't a good idea. They may be mad at the time but they thank me the next day."

Burdick is thankful for the brand of leadership displayed by Murphy. "He's a very mature guy; he understands more than the typical 18-22 year old," asserted Burdick.

"He understands what is going on around him and he sees things in a bigger perspective. His leadership skills are superior to just about everyone we have had here. I have had some two-time captains and I would say that Bennett combines all of their qualities put together."

Murphy is a bit frustrated about how Providence failed to put things together this past spring as it went 7-8 and suffered tough regular season losses to North Carolina and Brown and a devastating loss to VMI in the MAAC playoffs.

"We were leading North Carolina and Brown; against Fairfield we had it won and they disallowed a goal," said Murphy.

"In the North Carolina game, we were in control and they pulled together. Brown made plays at the end. Against VMI, we were up 7-3 and the offense couldn't do anything in the second half."

While Murphy was disappointed by how the season ended, he was proud to earn the program's Cordon Award.

"Last year, the whole senior class won it; this year, it was just me," said Murphy.

"It is one of those awards where you never know you are going to win it. I was surprised and honored. It's something that represents special things."

In Burdick's view, Murphy

is leaving a special legacy with the program. "He won't be leaving a void in the sense that each of our returning players has some Bennett Murphy in them," maintained Burdick.

"He taught them how to lead and how to operate under duress. He showed them about keeping cool under pressure."

In the final analysis, Murphy believes that the rocky road he travelled at Providence has given him a deeper insight into dealing with stress.

"Going from a walk-on to a team captain has put me in a position where I'm not shaken by things," asserted Murphy, who is looking to get into the financial field after earning his MBA.

"Stepping into the business world, nothing is going to scare me. If I get fired; I know I can bounce back. I've also learned how to work with people and find ways to get people to work together."

The fearless Murphy is a sure shot to do big things wherever he ends up.

—Bill Alden



ACT OF PROVIDENCE: Bennett Murphy heads up the field in a game this spring for the Providence College men's lacrosse team. Murphy, a former Princeton High lacrosse standout, went from being cut from the Providence squad as a freshman to team captain and leading scorer in his final season this past spring.

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Stuart Lax Star Passano, PDS Tennis' Holland Earn Nod as Town Topics Spring Standouts

Caroline Passano started the spring struggling with a leg injury, hampering her ability to trigger the offense for the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team.

The Tartans seemed out of synch in the earlier going as junior midfielder Passano worked through the pain.

As the season went into the second week of April, Passano was back at full speed and Stuart hit its stride.

The Tartans emerged as a power, toppling such Prep A teams as Hun and Lawrenceville and posting wins over Colonial Valley Conference schools like WW/P-N and Princeton High.

Taking her game to a higher level, Passano became the catalyst for the Stuart attack with her deft passing and shooting skill. Combining with fellow junior Elizabeth

Bucklee, the Tartans were able to overpower one foe after another.

Passano scored five goals and had six assists in a 20-10 win over the George School and then had six goals and three assists in a 14-3 win over Rutgers Prep. In the wins over Hun and WW/P-N, Passano piled up eight points on five goals and three assists in each game.

With its attack continuing to click, Stuart rolled to its fourth straight Prep B in mid-May, routing Rutgers Prep 16-8 in the championship game with Passano scoring one goal and piling up six assists.

Passano, who ended the season with 103 points on 57 goals and 46 assists, acknowledged that she took a lot of pride in her passing.

"I do play center so that's half of my job," said Passano. "That's a big thing for

me, just making sure that it gets from the defense to the midfield and down the field."

A big factor in Passano's productivity was having classmate Bucklee on the receiving end of so many passes.

"We've played together for six years; I always know where she is going to be and she always knows where I'm going to be," said Passano of Bucklee, who scored 82 goals.

Stuart head coach Sara Wagner credited Passano's passing prowess with triggering the attack for the Tartans.

"It's funny because Caroline is a natural goal scorer," said Wagner, whose team ended the season with a 13-5 record.

"She wants to go; we had to work on getting her to pass. But she is unselfish and it shows in her having such great passing."

Passano, for her part, was thrilled to see the team's hard work result in a season to remember.

"This year has been phenomenal," maintained Passano. "We have seen our potential but showing it is a different thing. This year, we were really able to crank it up as a unit. The transitions have been key in comparison to years before. It hadn't gone as well as it has gone this year; that's been a difference in a lot of games."

As a key performer who made a huge difference for Stuart this spring, Caroline Passano is the choice as the Town Topics' top female performer of the spring high school season.

Top Male Performer
It's not often that a high school athlete's tenure with a team is described as an "era" but that turned out to be the case for Princeton Day School boys' tennis

senior superstar David Holland.

In reflecting on Holland's career, PDS head coach Rome Campbell used that wording.

"It is the end of an era, he hasn't lost a match in three years," said Campbell of the Duke-bound Holland who led the Panthers to four straight state prep B team titles.

"We checked it out and figured out that he hasn't lost a set over that period."

After an off-season which saw him climb into the national top 20 in his age group, Holland wasted no time this spring showing his high school foes that his game had reached an even higher level.

The lanky lefthander showed grit as well as talent in topping WW/P-S' Leland Richardson 6-1, 7-5 in the first singles title match at the Mercer County Tournament in late April.

Fighting off leg cramps and unable to run hard or push off on his serve, Holland relied on his sharp groundstrokes to pull out the match.

"He made some adjustments in his game, he didn't go for the big serve," recalled Campbell. "He tried to avoid pushing off his quads; that's where he was experiencing most of his cramping. He's a smart player."

Holland had to summon up his powers of concentration to survive Richardson and the fans on hand hoping for an upset.

"It's tough to play with the crowd this way; you've got 50 guys rooting against you," said Holland. "There was a lot of pressure; everyone expects me to win."

Holland put the pressure on his foes the rest of the spring as he hardly lost a game in posting his third straight unbeaten campaign.

He culminated his PDS career by topping Dan Turtel of Ranney 6-0, 6-4 in the first singles final at the Prep B tournament.

Holland was proud of the progress he made on the court during his PDS career. "I've gotten more consistent; I've kept it going into this year," said Holland, who plans to play some national tournaments this summer.

"I wasn't ranked that highly when I was a freshman. I think I was No. 90 in my class, I've got that up to 15. It's a big jump."

He also enjoyed assuming a leadership role for the team. "It's definitely different from freshman year, a lot of seniors didn't like me taking their spot," said Holland.

"I'm looked up to now, I guess. I like cheering the guys on, helping them at practice when I can."

Campbell knows that the end of the Holland era will leave a void in the program.

"He certainly brings a lot to our lineup, everybody else is much more confident and assured in their positions," said Campbell.

"They highly respect Dave and his stature as a player, teammate, and a captain."

For bringing titles and a lot more to the PDS program, Holland gets the nod as the Town Topics' top male performer of the spring season.

Top Newcomers

At the outset of the 2008 season, Hun School softball head coach Kathy Quirk was looking to ease freshman pitcher Meghan Hayes into the team's pitching rotation.

"My goal is to split the time and have one pitch one game and the other pitch one game unless one is really overpowering," said Quirk, referring to her pitching tandem of Hayes and sophomore Ashley Hamilton. "They work well together. It's good to have two pitchers."

But Quirk's plan changed when Hayes pitched the Raiders to a 1-0 win over eventual Prep A champion Peddie on April 15. Showing composure beyond her years, Hayes held the powerful Falcons to four hits.

After that, Hayes generally got the assignment in Hun's big games, a duty she handled with aplomb as Hun ended up advancing to the state Prep A title game.

"Meghan has maturity; she

just does her job," asserted Quirk, whose team finished the season 12-5 with Hayes going 10-2 in her appearances. "She knows that she has fielders behind her."

Hayes, for her part, adjusted quickly to pitching at the high school level. "It's a little different knowing that most of the girls are older than me," said Hayes. "I'm used to it; I play on a U-16 travel team. Having a good team behind me really helps."

Hayes' blend of talent and composure makes her the pick as the Town Topics top female newcomer of the spring season.

In the wake of its 2007 state championship campaign, the Princeton High boys' golf team was hit by some key graduation losses.

The Little Tigers lost top player Peter Teifer and solid performer George Graham.

While longtime PHS head coach Sheryl Severance had a superb trio of seniors, Jon Bichsel, Will Madden, and Curtis Smith, she knew she needed more depth if the team was going to challenge for another state crown.

The Graham family helped fill that gap as George's younger brother, freshman Fraser, stepped up for PHS.

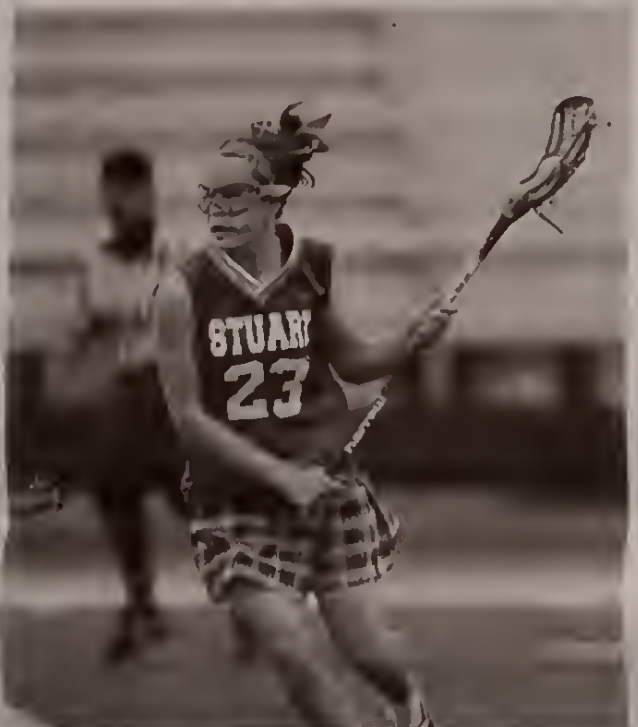
"He's a nice little player," said Severance. "He hits the ball straight down the fairway."

Graham, who starred for the PHS boys' ice hockey team over the winter, proved to be a straight shooter all spring for the Little Tigers. In the Mercer County Tournament in early May, he shot an 81 to tie for 14th in the individual standings and help PHS take second in the team standings.

A week later, Graham fired an 86 to help PHS place second in the Group III Central-South Jersey sectional.

The Little Tigers ended up repeating as Group III state champions with Graham following in his brother's foot-

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PULLING THE TRIGGER: Stuart Country Day lacrosse junior star Caroline Passano looks for an opening in action this spring. Passano scored 103 points on 57 goals and 46 assists this spring to help Stuart go 13-5 and win its fourth straight state Prep B title. (Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)



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steps as a key member of the supporting cast.

For producing a debut season that saw him end up as a valuable contributor to a state champion, Graham gets the nod as the Town Topics' top male newcomer of the spring season.

Top Coaches

Jon Stone last coached lacrosse when he served as assistant coach for the Hun School boys' team in the spring of 2005.

Stone, the longtime head coach of the Hun boys' basketball program, was starting to get used to having his springs free.

But in late January, Hun girls' lacrosse head coach Lauren Provenzano left the school to pursue another ca-

reer and Stone was pressed into service as her replacement.

The 6'8 Stone, a former Colgate basketball star, knew he faced a big learning curve as the girls' game differs from the brand of lacrosse played by boys both in terms of rules and style.

Consulting other girls' lacrosse coaches, Stone worked hard to get himself up to speed on the girls' game. He used the team's annual preseason trip to Florida as a seminar on the game.

Early in the spring, it became clear that Stone had picked up the nuances of the girls' game as Hun got out of the gate with a 3-0 record, showing a well-choreographed offense and a stingy defense.

The Raiders went on to have a superb season, going

12-5 and making it to the semifinals of both the state Prep A and Mercer County tournaments.

In reflecting on the season, Stone was proud of what his team accomplished.

"I think overall it was a successful season," asserted Stone, noting that four of the losses on the season came to two teams, eventual MCT and sectional champ HoVal and Peddie, the state Prep A runners-up.

"We progressed in just a little bit of everything. The defense solidified; our goalie ViVi Washington got better and better. The chemistry was good; the girls had fun with each other."

For learning on the fly and helping his team make that across-the-board improvement, Stone is the choice as the top coach among girls'

teams in the spring season.

On one hand, Princeton High boys' tennis head coach Sarah Heyman was happy to have four seniors in her lineup.

But at the same time, she knew that her veterans could fall prey to the distractions that come with the spring of senior year.

"I hope the reality of what we could do will sink in," said Heyman, as she looked ahead to the 2008 season. "This group has been together for four years, they have all come into their own. We did really well last year and some of the other teams have lost people."

The Little Tigers held their focus, pinning loss after loss on their foes in piling up a 15-1 regular season record in dual-match play.

In the state tournament,

the PHS seniors, singles players Matt Ullmann and David Zheng together with the first doubles team of Arl Silver and Ben Weingarten, produced a stretch drive to remember.

The Little Tigers breezed to a 4-1 win over Freehold in the Central Jersey Group III quarterfinals. PHS nearly saw its season end in the sectional semifinals against WW/P-N but Ullmann came from behind at first singles to give PHS a 3-2 win.

PHS then topped Ocean Township 3½ to 1½ in the sectional finals. The win marked the first sectional title for Heyman, who also coaches the PHS girls' program.

In the state Group III semifinals, PHS came agonizingly close to making it to the state finals but fell 3-2 to

perennial power Millburn.

While Heyman was disappointed by that result, she was able to put the season in perspective.

"It's always a little bit disappointing when you come so close; you almost made it but you didn't," said Heyman, whose team finished with an 18-2 record.

"But we were the sectional champs which was exciting for them. We gave Millburn, which has been a classic powerhouse over the years, a run for their money."

Heyman's success in keeping her team focused so they could make a special run makes her the choice as the top coach among boys' teams this spring.

—Bill Alden

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HEY THERE: Princeton High boys' tennis head coach Sarah Heyman surveys the action in Mercer County Tournament play. This spring, Heyman guided PHS to an 18-2 record and the first Group III sectional title of her tenure. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



ARMED FORCE: Hun School freshman pitcher Meghan Hayes fires a pitch in a game this spring. Hayes went 10-2 in her debut campaign as Hun posted a 12-5 record and made it to the state Prep A championship game.



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PDS Boys' Lax Experienced Growing Pains, But Laid Foundation for Promising Future

Rob Tuckman was encouraged by the way his Princeton Day School boys' lacrosse team started the 2008 season.

"This was one of those interesting seasons," said PDS head coach Tuckman. "Coming off preseason, we were in a strong position. We started off 2-0."

Things, though, took a discouraging turn for the Panthers as they lost 12 of their last 14 games to end up with a final record of 4-12.

"I think what happened then is that our youth and inexperience started to catch up with us," said Tuckman.

"From a coaching standpoint, that is tough when it is happening. But looking at the long view, you know the kids will be more experienced next year."

Such young Panthers as Iain Alexandridis, Aaron Shavel, Ian Crowell, and Theo Casey gained some valuable lessons over the spring.

"Ian Alexandridis was a starter from the beginning, he really came on as the season went on," asserted Tuckman of the freshman standout.

"Aaron Shavel started the season as a swing player between the JV and the varsity; he came up to the

varsity and played middle; he was really helping us by the end of the season. Ian Crowell, a sophomore, he was starting to get it by the end of the season. Theo Casey had five goals and three or four assists before he came down with mono and his season ended."

The PDS goalie rotation of Roger Mltznacht and Ethan Geltzer came on by the time the season ended.

"Both Roger and Ethan had never seen shots at the varsity level before this season," said Tuckman.

"During the preseason, they had shown some good things and areas of concern. Roger was the difference in our win over Notre Dame, a team that went on to do some damage in the Blanche. I have a lot of hope for them; they are both going to camps this summer."

The team's core of seniors, Jake Lipkin, Warren Wilson, and Kevin Shannon, helped the Panthers keep hope as they battled through the spring.

"Jake had a nice year; he's heading to Franklin and Marshall; I think he might end up playing long-stick middle there," said Tuckman.

"We relied on him for scoring; he's a big strong

kid. He did a nice job in the faceoff circle for us; he helped keep some games close that could've gotten away. Warren did a really nice job, he was our top pole. A surprise for us was Kevin Shannon; he never saw the field last year and he was able to get goals for us and generate offense."

Tuckman is looking for veteran leadership next year from Ben Stadulis and Max Popkin.

"Ben was elected captain for next year, he had a good season and will play pole for us," said Tuckman.

"Max Popkin was also elected captain; their leadership will be critical as we will still be a young team."

But next year it will be a young team that will bring some critical experience to the equation.

"We have a lot of promise; a lot of our foundation is the freshmen and sophomores we had this year," maintained Tuckman.

"It's a nice crew of kids; as long as we stay healthy we should be able to improve on this season."

—Bill Alden



PHS Girls' Lax Made Big Strides; Late-Season Surge Built Confidence

It doesn't happen often but every once in a while a team puts it all together for one game.

That was the feeling the Princeton High girls' lacrosse team had after it dismantled Middle Township 18-3 last month in the opening round of the Group II South Jersey sectional tournament.

"We went out and played so well; it was one of those games that represents what you have been working toward all season," said PHS head coach Joyce Jones, who got five goals and four assists from junior star Liz Price in the win with Mie Graham notching three goals and Kaitlin Henderson, Taylor Blair, and Carter Haughton adding two apiece.

"Everything was clicking — the stickwork, the teamwork, the double-teaming, and the communication."

Days later, PHS got eliminated from the tournament by eventual sectional champion Hopewell Valley 17-9 but Jones took plenty of positives from that effort as well.

"We played another game you can point to; we played a heckuva first half with them," said Jones, whose team finished with an 8-7 record.

"We went toe-to-toe with them, I think we were ahead 3-2 at one point. It was the culmination of what we worked on; we showed how much we had improved from the first time we played them."

Jones was proud of what her team achieved as it rebounded from a shaky 3-5 start.

"We accomplished a lot," asserted Jones. "We won games in the county and the state tournaments."

The progress made by the team's corps of freshmen helped spark the Little Tigers' late surge.

"We had so many fresh-

men; I'm so proud of how they came together," said Jones, whose group of freshmen included Jen Barone, MacKenzie Henderson, Virginia Rogers, Kate Bechler, and Blair.

"It's a different level of everything from middle school — a different level of intensity, a different level of commitment. For them to make that transition without a year of JV was great. We're looking to see that continue."

Jones credited her senior captains Kaitlin Henderson, Mary McNutt, and Haughton with helping ease

that transition for the freshmen.

"One of the challenges was to get so many people they hadn't played with on the same page," said Jones. "Our three captains each brought what was needed; they did a great job."

PHS should do an even better job next year with the return of rising seniors Price (a team-high 68 points on 52 goals and 16 assists) and Graham together with the battle-hardened young players.

"It was a season to remember in terms of improvement and how far we came," maintained Jones. "We are ready to rock and roll next year."

—Bill Alden



LEAP YEAR: Princeton High girls' lacrosse junior star Mie Graham flies up the field in a game this season. Graham's scoring prowess helped PHS put together a late surge that saw the Little Tigers go 5-2 in their last seven games. PHS won games in both the county and state tournaments on the way to an 8-7 season.

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With Stein Making Long-Distance Journey, Prime Time Wins Summer Hoops Opener

Ryan Stein wasn't about to miss the season opener last Monday for his Prime Time Camps team in the Princeton Recreation Department's Men's Summer Basketball League.

"I drove all night; I got here at 3 in the morning so I would be here to play," said Stein, a former hoops standout at Lawrence High and Randolph-Macon College (Va.) who is now an assistant boys' basketball coach at the Benedictine School in Richmond, Va.

"This league means a lot to me because I get to play with all my friends from high school and my brother, Matt, who I don't see that much because he is up in college and I'm coaching."

Stein didn't show any sign of fatigue in the first half of Prime Time's game against It's A Grind, guiding the offense and scoring four points as his team jumped out to a 26-12 halftime lead.

With the wind whipping across the Community Park courts in advance of a cloudburst, Prime Time went cold in the early stages of the second half.

Led by the inside power of University of Memphis sophomore player Jeff Robinson, It's A Grind pulled to within 35-29.

But the savvy Prime Time squad, which made it to the league championship series in 2007 (when it was sponsored by Mercedes), pulled things together and held on for a 38-31 win. Vernon Hicks led Prime Time with 10 points while Robinson tallied a game-high 14 for It's A Grind.

In other action last Monday, BlackRock edged National Pools 61-59 while Cool Runnings topped Windstreet Energy 56-47 and George's Roasters and Ribs/The Ivy Inn beat Coldwell Banker 46-27 as former Princeton University and Hun stand-out Noah Savage netted 25 points for George's.

Stein, for his part, enjoyed the way Prime Time got out of the gate Monday night.

"Duane [Hicks] did an awesome job of penetrating and Vernon [Hicks] was in the same spot everywhere he needed to be," said Stein. "It was like being in high school watching Duane do all the work."

The team's focus on defense also paid dividends. "Keith [Dundas] and Duane deserve all the credit with all the defense they did on the big kid from Memphis, he's tough and strong," asserted Stein. "We challenged Duane before the game and he definitely lived up to it."

Stein acknowledged that Prime Time faced a challenge in the second half.

"We were missing our shots and we had some turnovers," said Stein. "They sat back in a zone and we started settling for jump shots instead of going to the hoop."

Prime Time is hoping it can go the distance this summer as it looks to make another run at the league title.

"I just think we have to continue to play together and get Keith and Duane 'd'-ing up," said Stein. "Everyone else can fit into their roles."

—Bill Alden

Local Sports

PU Women's Soccer Holding Girls' Camp

The Princeton University Girls Soccer day camp, directed by PU women's soccer head coach Julie Shackford and featuring instruction from Tiger players and assistant coaches, will be held June 23-27 for girls in grades K-7.

The fee for the camp is \$350 for full day and \$275 for half day and includes coaching, camp t-shirt, and a camp ball. Campers should bring their own lunch. Pool time will be available for all-day campers.

For information, please contact coach Shackford at wsoccer@princeton.edu or (609)258-4921 or (609) 258-5092.

Post 218 Baseball Nipped by Hamilton

Squandering an early 2-0 lead, the Princeton Post 218 American Legion baseball team fell 4-3 at Hamilton Post 31 last Monday.

Danny Etherton pounded out three hits for Post 218 while Anthony Freda had 2 RBIs as Princeton fell to 1-5 on the season.

In upcoming action, Post 218 has away games at Trenton Post 93 on June 20, at Broad Street Park Post 313 on June 21, and at WW/P on June 23.

Pride U-12 Softball Team Reaches Sunshine Semis

Displaying superb pitching and some timely hitting, the Princeton Pride Under-12 softball team advanced to the semifinals of the 16-team Sunshine Softball Tournament held last weekend at Ewing.

The Pride opened the tournament with a 2-0 win over the West Windsor Wildcats as Charlotte Gray pitched a two-hit shutout.

In its second outing, Princeton routed the Montgomery Jaguars 12-3 as Madison Cahill-Sanidas led the offense with two hits. Jessica Campisi picked up the win for the Pride as she allowed only four hits.

In quarterfinal action, Princeton topped the Lacey Storm 7-3 as Gray produced another solid pitching effort. The Princeton batting attack was sparked by Cahill-Sanidas and Charlotte Heller, who each had run-scoring hits.

Princeton's superb tournament run ended in the semifinals as it fell 11-5 to the Millstone Cheetahs. The Pride fell behind 8-1 and was unable to overcome that deficit. Mary Travers had a hit and scored two runs to pace the Pride's attack.

ETS Firecracker 5k Set for June 24

The fourth annual Firecracker ETS 5k Fun Run and Walk will take place on the evening of June 24 at the Educational Testing Service (ETS) campus on Rosedale Road in Princeton.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m. Participants can register at Conant Hall at the corner of Rosedale and Carter Roads from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Individuals and group teams of at least four participants are welcome.

There will be prizes awarded to age-categories (five year increments) and group team winners — first, second, and third place — ages 5 to 80. Participants will receive T-shirts while they last. The event will also feature music, refreshments, and family activities.

The cost to register is \$25 on race day, or \$20 if one pre-registers by June 20. One can pre-register by downloading the form from www.ywcaprinceton.org, and mailing it to the YWCA Princeton, 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton, N.J. 08540 or by going to www.active.com to register online.

Proceeds will benefit the YWCA Princeton's Childcare Center at Valley Road, a preschool program designed for children whose first language is not English. All families are served by the program regardless of their ability to pay.

Local Cycling Events Slated for June 21-22

The Giro D'Jersey, a three-stage USA Cycling sanctioned race, will be holding stages in the Princeton area on June 21 and 22.

On June 21, the event will feature the second-annual Rocky Hill Cycling Classic, a 75-mile road race featuring an international field of cyclists.

The Rocky Hill stage will be a European style road race and will include six separate racing events to draw athletes of all age groups and abilities.

Races will begin at 7 a.m. and will cover a 10.5 mile course through Rocky Hill. The public is welcome to cheer the athletes and to participate in a 10-mile fun bike tour.

For more information on the event, log on to www.eventimg.com, click on events and then the Rocky Hill Cycling Classic. Proceeds from the event will benefit volunteer organizations that serve the Rocky Hill and the Montgomery communities.

On June 22, the final leg of the Giro di Jersey bike race will be the 3rd Annual Corner House Grand Prix.

Once again, the race headquarters and sign in will be at the offices of title sponsor Mason, Griffin, and Pierson on Poor Farm Road. The first race will start at 7 a.m. with the Pro/Am 30-mile main event starting at around 10 a.m.

This year's Corner House race will be sponsored by the Bank of Princeton, Commerce Bank, Michael Church, and the Princeton

Orthopaedic Group.

All proceeds will benefit the Corner House in its mission to promote the health and well being of Princeton area young people and their families as they confront substance abuse and other emotional issues.

PSA's Phoenix Squad Wins JAGS U-17 Title

The Princeton Soccer Association's (PSA) Phoenix Premier Under-17 girls' travel team won the title in the U-17 blue division last weekend in the Jersey Area Girls Soccer (JAGS) tournament at West Windsor.

Princeton went 3-0-1 in the competition, topping the Middletown Cyclones 6-3 and the Jersey Knights 4-2 last Sunday as it wrapped up play in the tournament.

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PRIME MOVER: Ryan Stein, left, of Prime Time Camps passes the ball around former Hun School standout Matt Florio of It's A Grind in action last Monday on the opening night of play in the Princeton Recreation Department's Men's Summer Basketball League. With Stein, a former Lawrence High and Randolph Macon College star guiding the offense, Prime Time Camps edged It's A Grind 38-31.

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Family Advice Column:**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: Rape**

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson



QUESTION: Years ago, I was raped, but never told the police or even my own family for fear of stigma and shame. The only ones who know are my husband and my priest. This omission has me feeling guilty and responsible for the same thing happening to other women. Until recently, I had no memory of the event. How does one rid themselves of such overwhelming guilt and shame? And, why do I have to relive the memory of this experience repeatedly.

The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

ANSWER: Rape is an event so lilled with horror that many people like you repress it from memory. As it has never been emotionally resolved, however, it tends to resurface later in life, triggered perhaps by dating, marriage, or even a movie on TV. Your memory surfaces gradually, usually first through dreams (often of violence), then flashbacks that can be very scary, and finally by actually processing your thoughts and feelings.

Processing your thoughts and feelings is quite difficult and frightening, and, therefore, I would urge you to enter counseling to facilitate that process. You suffer from what is described as a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It does not mean that you are mentally ill, just that you need to deal with an event that has long been buried.

Regarding dealing with your feelings of stigma and change, while some bigoted people may view you differently, the vast majority, certainly your own family I would suspect, will be most supportive. Thankfully, you did tell your husband, and throughout the process of counseling, you will need his understanding and love.

But, your own worst enemy is yourself. The rape is nothing of which to be ashamed. You are 100% innocent and a victim. It does not make you any less of a person. As far as feeling responsible for other women by not having reported the crime, that may have been a mistake, but you are human, and that is really a dead issue now, for even if you were to report it now, the statute of limitations on such matters has probably expired.

Hence, I am advising you to enter counseling to work through the issue, to consider telling your family, and, above all, to love yourself, to not be ashamed, and to let go of the guilt for not reporting the crime. You have let a past crime continue abusing you in the present, and you need to resolve the past so as to enjoy the present.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

Clubs

The **Music Club of Princeton** recently selected double winners for its annual scholarship competition. Cellist Courtney Lin Kaita, 18, of Manalapan, and pianist Joshua Suslak, 18, of West Windsor were the recipients of the \$750 prize.

Ms. Kaita is the daughter of Robert Kaita, a Princeton University physicist, and Chiu-Tze Lin, a performing pianist and orchestra conductor. Her 2004 performance at the first Beijing Music Festival was broadcast on Chinese television. A senior in the Medical Sciences Specialized Learning Center of Freehold High School, she plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall, where she intends to pursue a double degree in cello performance and applied mathematics.

Mr. Suslak was selected as the pianist for the New Jersey All-State Orchestra in 2005 and 2006. A senior at West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School, where he plays trombone, saxophone, and harp in addition to piano, he is a finalist in the Eastman School of Music's Young Artists International Piano Competition. In the fall he expects to attend, simultaneously, the Eastman School of Music for a bachelor's degree in music and the University of Rochester for a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

The awards were announced by Music Club president Robert Bullington at the club's June meeting at Looking Glass Pond on Alexander Road, Princeton Junction.

The **200 Club of Mercer County** will hold its annual luncheon on Wednesday, June 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course clubhouse. The guest speaker will be Richard L. Cañas, director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

Two Valor Awards will be presented at the luncheon.

The cost will be \$40 per person. Attendees who join the 200 Club will get the luncheon as part of their application fee. Corporate sponsorships are encouraged.

The 200 Club of Mercer County is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the families of public safety and rescue personnel killed in the line of duty.

For more information or to register, call Cathy Frank-White at (609) 397-8528 or the 200 Club hotline at (609) 712-2012; or send a check to 200 Club of Mercer County, P.O. Box 6755, Lawrenceville 08648.

The **Master Gardeners of Mercer County** will host "Deadheading Extends Bloom Time" on Saturday, June 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Mercer Educational Gardens, 431A Federal City Road, Pennington. The program will include a tour of the Mercer Educational Gardens' annual, butterfly, cottage, herb,

native plant, and perennial gardens, and explain how to prolong bloom time of both perennial and annual flowers.

Master Gardeners will demonstrate deadheading techniques and be on hand to answer home gardening questions and identify plant samples from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To benefit the Master Gardeners educational programs, a donation of \$3 is suggested.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will host a "Salsa Sensation" dance this Saturday, June 21 at the Suzanne Patterson Building at 7:30 p.m. A beginner/intermediate mambo lesson at 7:30 will be followed by open dancing at 8:30 p.m.

Admission will be \$12 for adults or \$8 for students.

All levels are welcome, and no partner is required. For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

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Obituaries

Anne Clark Martindell

Anne Clark Martindell, 93, of Princeton, died June 11 at University Medical Center at Princeton. A New Jersey politician and U.S. diplomat, she played an important role in strengthening U.S. relations with New Zealand.

She was the mother of Borough Councilman Roger Martindell of Princeton.

Ms. Martindell was a conventional mother and housewife until she began a career at age 50, which she chronicled in a memoir, *Never Too Late*, published just a month ago.

Landmarks in her late-blooming career included completion of a four-year degree program at Smith College at age 87, an event that was the topic of a segment on the NBC *Today Show* and *Oprah*, and a half-page article in *The New York Times*. Smith celebrated Ms. Martindell's educational achievement by awarding her dual degrees, a bachelor of arts and honorary doctor of laws.

Ms. Martindell was born in the Plaza Hotel in New York City, the daughter of Marjory Blair Clark, a railroad heiress, and William J. Clark, a lawyer and later judge of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. In her memoir, she described her early life as sheltered, herself as shy, and her life as a New York debutante "conventional." Although she entered Smith as a member of the Class of 1936, she reported that her father was shocked to learn after her freshman year that she planned a legal career and he insisted that she leave Smith to marry, which she did at age 19.

Nearly 30 years later, she launched her career as an elementary school teacher and fundraiser for charities and politicians. Appointed vice-chairperson of the New Jersey Democratic Party in the 1960s, she drew media attention when her all-male colleagues attempted to bar her attendance at a strategy meeting, ostensibly because her presence would inhibit them for using language that might offend a woman, to which she replied, "I don't give a s--- what kind of language you use."

In 1973, Ms. Martindell was elected to the New Jersey State Senate where she served until 1977, focusing on legislation concerning education and the environment.

She was among the first New Jersey politicians to endorse Jimmy Carter for President and, after her term in the State Senate, she moved to Washington where she served as director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance of the Agency for International Development during the first two years of the Carter administration. She was nominated by President Carter and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as U.S. ambassador to New Zealand and Western Samoa in 1979. She served three years in that post.

Ms. Martindell's love of New Zealand lasted the rest of her life. In 1986, concerned about deteriorating U.S.-New Zealand relations, she founded the United

States-New Zealand Council to promote understanding and friendship. At the time, relations between the two countries were strained by New Zealand's decision to bar U.S. Navy vessels from its ports on grounds that they might carry nuclear weapons. The Council, active to this day, lists Ms. Martindell as chairman emeritus. She also discovered the man she described as the love of her life, prominent New Zealand painter Sir Toss Woollaston, and they enjoyed a transworld romance until he died in 1998.

Ms. Martindell was married to the late George C. Scott, Jr., of Richmond, Va. The couple had three children, Marjory Luther of Ann Arbor, Mich.; George C. Scott III of Richmond; and David C. Scott of Princeton. Her fourth child, Roger Martindell, was born during her second marriage to the late Jackson Martindell, publisher of *Who's Who of America*.

In addition to her children, she is survived by a brother, J. William Clark of Great Barrington, Mass.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A June 16 funeral at Trinity Church was followed by private burial. A memorial service is planned for September 13.

Memorial contributions may be made to the U.S.-New Zealand Council, 1801 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; or to North Country School/Camp Treetops, P.O. Box 187, Lake Placid, N.Y. 12946; or to The Carter Center, 1 Copenhill, Atlanta, Ga. 30307; or to Smith College, Gift Accounting Unit, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, Mass. 01063.

Irving Klothen

Irving Klothen, 84, of Haverford, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died peacefully June 12 at The Quadrangle Continuing Care Community in Haverford after a long battle with prostate cancer. He had lived in Princeton from 1957 to 1998.

Born in Berlin, he was raised in a middle class, secular Jewish environment typical of the times. In the early 1930s, as the Nazis increased their grip on German society, Mr. Klothen's parents removed him from a public school system that was increasingly hostile to Jews and enrolled him in Berlin's Jewish school, founded by the Jewish Enlightenment philosopher Moses Mendelssohn.

As Germany's Jewish population came under increasing oppression by the Nazi regime, friends and family began to seek to emigrate, and Mr. Klothen's father reluctantly agreed to seek a visa to come to the United States. Thanks to the intervention of U.S. relatives, the family left for the U.S. in 1941, eight weeks before the Nazis began deporting Berlin's remaining Jews to extermination camps. Most of Mr. Klothen's German relatives perished in the Holocaust.

Once in the United States, Mr. Klothen entered night school in New York to finish his interrupted high school education, while working full time to support his parents. Upon graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in England in advance of the D-Day invasion

of Europe. In England he met a fellow Jewish refugee from Berlin, Miriam Frank, whom he married in 1944.

Following the war, Mr. Klothen returned to New York and attended New York University under the G.I. Bill, majoring in chemical engineering. Upon graduation he obtained a job with Lederle Laboratories in Pearl River, N.J., and remained with the company (later American Cyanamid Co.) for his entire career. Focusing on the development of animal feed additives, he was instrumental in the development of many products for the company and was awarded several patents. He obtained his master's degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University in 1969 while working full time for American Cyanamid.

Mr. Klothen brought a European's love of classical music to his American identity, attending concerts and recitals with great regularity and becoming a self-described "chamber music groupie," spending many summers at the Marlboro Music Festival in Vermont. It was a weekend ritual in his home to listen to the opera and pause at 4 p.m. for "Kaffee und Kuchen." He also developed an appreciation for college football, regularly taking his young son to Princeton University football games.

He loved to travel, invariably tying family vacations to his business trips for American Cyanamid to Europe, Latin America, and Asia. He developed a special fondness for the people, culture, and cuisine of Brazil, and numerous mementos of his trips there hung in his home until his death.

With the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Mr. Klothen's old Jewish school, which had been located in the former East Berlin, was returned to Berlin's Jewish community and reopened as a Jewish school. An invitation to meet the teachers and students of the school then precipitated an intensive involvement with the school's development that lasted until Mr. Klothen's death. He visited the school annually, talking to students and faculty about its history and lobbying for a revival of the liberal tradition of Moses Mendelssohn. In 2007, he funded a program that enabled members of the school's faculty to meet with their counterparts at several Jewish day schools in the U.S., and to join RAVSAK, an association of Jewish community day schools.

After much deliberation, Mr. Klothen decided in 2006 to reclaim the German citizenship that had been taken from him by the Nuremberg Laws of 1935. He did so, he said, "to recognize that Germany is once more a place, like the U.S., where one can be naturally a citizen and a Jew." He remained fully committed to his adopted homeland, however, and a partisan Democrat who sent e-mails about the Clinton-Obama primary battle to friends around the world until a few weeks before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam, of Haverford; a son, Kenneth Klothen of Swarthmore, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to RAVSAK, the Jewish Community Day School Network, for the benefit of the Juedische Oberschule Berlin, 120 West

97th Street, New York, N.Y. 10025.



George Manolakis

George Manolakis, 77, a lifelong resident of Princeton, died June 12 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

A graduate of Princeton High School, he attended Rider College and Rutgers University.

He was first employed at Princeton University Press before becoming the owner of The White Rose Restaurant in Trenton. He later became a professional photographer and owner of Athena Studios, named after his beloved wife. With his wife he later opened the restaurant Mykonos in Princeton, which offered Greek-American cuisine. His last employment was as a realtor at Stockton Real Estate.

He was a lifelong member of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Hamilton, where he was also a board member, treasurer, and a member of the Ahepa Philoptochos Society.

The son of the late William and Lena Manolakis and brother of the late Tessie Costa, he is survived by his wife, Athena; a nephew, Dr. Leon Costa; and a niece, Lynn Antonov.

Visiting hours will be today, June 18 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the William Murphy Funeral Home, 1863 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton. The funeral service will be today at 11:30

a.m. at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, 1200 Klockner Road, Hamilton 09619.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, 1200 Klockner Road, Hamilton 08619; or to The International Bible Association, Box 225646, Dallas, Texas 75265.

Religion

String of Pearls, the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation of Princeton, will hold an open house celebratory Shabbat service on Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. All members of the community are invited, including families with young children.

Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum will lead her first Shabbat service as the new spiritual leader of String of Pearls. A 2008 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Kirshbaum will take on the additional role as Education Director of the congregation's Hebrew School. As a rabbinical student, she held internships at Greenfaith, New Jersey's interfaith environmental coalition in New Brunswick, and the Academic Coalition for Bioethics. She has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Driesen Prize in Science and Judaism, the 2007 Prize for Tikun Olam in the Community and the Bartnoff Prize for Spiritually Motivated Social Action, and the 2008 Stamm Prize in Jewish history.

For more information about String of Pearls, visit www.stringofpearlsweb.org or call (609) 799-4070.

United Methodist Church Bids Pastor Farewell

Members and friends of Princeton United Methodist Church said farewell to the Rev. Dr. Gregory Young, senior pastor of the church, at

a luncheon last Sunday, June 8, following the 11 a.m. service. An ordained minister for 30 years, Dr. Young had served the church in Princeton since 2003. He is moving to become senior pastor of New Brunswick United Methodist church, the church in which he was raised.

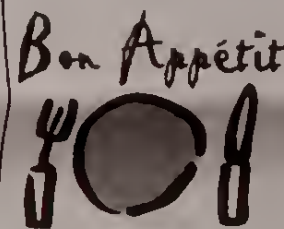
The Rev. Jana Purkis-Brash will succeed Dr. Young. She is co-pastor of Medford United Methodist Church, and will be installed as the first female senior pastor of the church on Sunday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Child care and Summer Sundays programs for school-age children will be available. For information, call (609) 924-2613.

Seminary's Iain Torrance At Ecumenical Gathering

Dr. Iain Torrance, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, participated as a consulting scholar at a recent ecumenical gathering in London convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury to discuss Christian-Muslim engagement. Dr. Torrance was one of 20 scholars from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the United States who served as resources to the consultation. He participated both as the representative of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and as one of the invited scholars.

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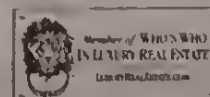
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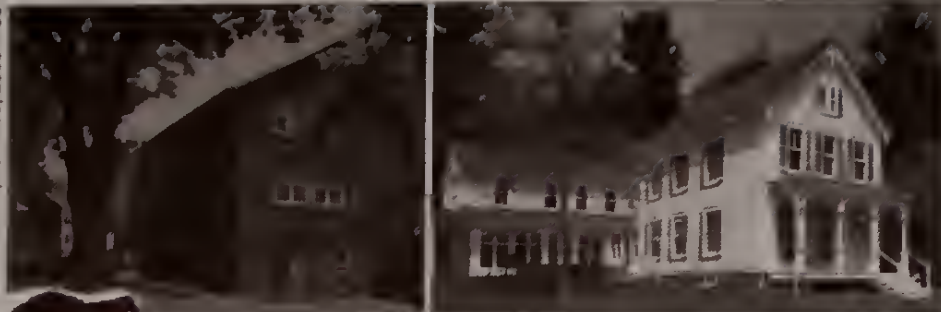
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LASIK is a type of refractive surgery that can reduce the need for glasses or contacts by re-shaping the cornea (the transparent tissue covering the iris, or colored part of the eye) to correct refractive errors. Advances in laser technology allow skilled surgeons to change the shape of the cornea permanently.

Utilizing pre-programmed information which has been obtained via a corneal topography — a detailed map of the surface of the cornea — which tells the surgeon how to program the laser for the patient's specific cornea, the computerized laser delivers short pulses of ultra violet light to sculpt the corneal tissue.

The procedure is amazingly quick, approximately 10 minutes for each eye, and with application of an anesthetic eye drop, basically painless. After resting or napping at home, with eyes closed for several hours, patients usually begin to see marked improvement, and most — 95 percent or more — are able to drive to a follow-up appointment without glasses the next day.

LASIK surgery is increasingly popular, and more and more surgeons are performing it. Two in the Princeton area are Dr. Michael Y. Wong and Dr. Barry Wasserman.

There have been major advances recently to make LASIK surgery even safer and better, reports Dr. Wong, Medical Director of Wills Laser Vision at Princeton, The Princeton Eye Group. "In the past, the most dangerous

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part of the operation was the use of a razor blade to raise a portion of the corneal flap. The most significant advance is the introduction of a laser that can raise the corneal flap without the need for a blade. There are many fewer complications, and with this new advance, for many people, it is safer to have this surgery than to wear contacts.

"The blade-free system is a quantum leap in technology," he continues. "It has revolutionized the level of safety. It has also reduced the incidence of dry-eye, nighttime glare, and potential scarring. Wills Laser Vision is the only center in Central New Jersey that has this technology."

In addition, points out Dr. Wong, "We are just introducing a new laser for sculpting which is much safer and more gentle. The 'Allegretto' is a fantastic tracking device, which is 10-fold more accurate and 40 times faster than past tracking systems. It allows the laser to follow the finest movements of the eye."

More Patients

The Princeton Eye Group, with a team of seven ophthalmologists, has performed more than 20,000 LASIK surgeries since 1996. "We are the only laser center in central New Jersey run by an eye hospital, Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, the oldest eye hospital in the U.S.," says Dr. Wong. "We were the first to do LASIK surgery in the area. Because the technology has advanced, we can now expand the procedure to more patients, including those who may not have been candidates for the surgery initially. For example, now with the blade-free device, dry-eye is less of a concern, and a person with dry eyes can have the surgery."

In addition to straight LASIK surgery, The Princeton Eye Group performs Epi-LASIK (for those with thinner corneas), ReSTOR (in conjunction with lens removal), and Refractive Implant, a new technology

New Advances Are Offered

to help extremely nearsighted patients.

"The laser technology is spectacular, and because of the advances, there are many more candidates today for the surgery," points out Dr. Barry Wasserman, who is Director of the New Jersey Eye Laser Center of Princeton, as well as a specialist in pediatric ophthalmology.

"The latest custom technology is amazing. It has made the procedure very safe. The FDA recently looked at LASIK and agreed that it is very safe."

"Initially, I ask patients how dependent they are on their glasses," he continues. "Then there is a thorough eye exam and evaluation. Not everyone is a candidate; it depends primarily on the eye condition. Healthy eyes and corneas are necessary."

"Generally, a good candidate has a prescription for glasses or contacts that has been stable for at least a year. The minimum age for a patient is 18, and although there is no maximum age, a person with a cataract would not be a candidate."

People with autoimmune disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus, should not have the surgery, nor should pregnant women. It is crucial that the surgeons spend time with the patient for an initial evaluation of their health, agree the ophthalmologists, and that the surgery be performed by a specialist in the field.

Low Risk

The benefits of LASIK surgery are indisputable, but as Dr. Wasserman points out, "Like any surgery, it is not risk-free, but it is very low risk."

Occasionally, there can be side effects (often temporary), such as dry eyes, glare, halos, starbursts, and lessened night vision. New procedures are available that can alleviate these conditions.

Most patients no longer need glasses following LASIK, but after the age of 40 to 45, people develop a loss of close-up focusing power (presbyopia), and

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reading glasses may be required. A new blended technique may help to rectify this situation, explains Dr. Wong.

"For people who are nearsighted and farsighted, and wear bifocals, there is now a blended technique, which will reduce the dependence on glasses. The dominant eye is set for distance; the other for casual near ability."

Glasses may still be appropriate for close reading over extended periods and for driving, he adds, but the need is reduced.

As more and more people opt for LASIK, they report the pleasures of their new freedom — no searching for those elusive glasses and forget the tedious task of making sure the contacts are in just right and sterilized properly.

No Glasses

As one LASIK true believer reports, "You get up in the morning, and you're good to go. No glasses, no contacts, no searching! For the first time, I can see the demarcations of the tile on the bathroom floor without glasses."

And not only does Dr. Wasserman perform LASIK surgery, he is a beneficiary. "Having had LASIK myself almost seven years ago, it is easy for me to be enthusiastic. I lived in contacts and glasses for 20 years prior. It is truly a miracle. Of course, each patient should make sure they have a full examination, and ask all the questions that concern them. They must feel comfortable with the surgeon and the surgery."

LASIK surgery is a serious investment in eye care, with costs in the \$3500 to \$6500 range. Elective surgery is not always covered by insurance, and policies vary depending on the need for the surgery.

If you think you are a LASIK candidate, here are points to consider:

- Patients should have realistic expectations of the

results and understand possible risks. Eye condition and life-style can determine eligibility.

- A thorough eye exam must be performed.
- General health must be good. Patients with autoimmune diseases are not eligible. It is best to stop smoking during the time period before the procedure and during the recovery.
- Good eye health is required. No corneal irregularities or cataracts should be evident. To determine corneal thickness, an ultrasound machine is used on every patient.
- Patients must be at least 18 years old with a contact lens or eye glass prescription that has been stable for at least a year. LASIK is recommended only after eyes have matured and developed properly.
- Women who are nursing or pregnant are not eligible.
- Make sure to have a thorough understanding of the LASIK procedure and be comfortable with the surgeon's credentials and experience.

Making a difference in their patients' lives is a priority for the surgeons who perform LASIK. "The reward of helping patients to see better is my biggest pleasure," notes Dr. Wasserman. "I can change people's lives dramatically on a daily basis."

And says Dr. Wong: "Ophthalmology is truly a very special profession. The science is very intriguing, the surgery is very artful, and there are almost immediate gratifying results. Patients see the difference right away.

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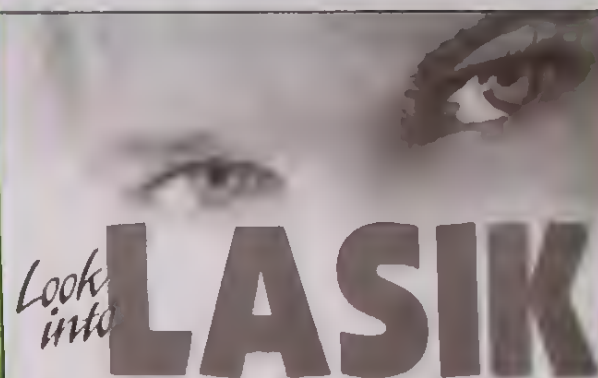
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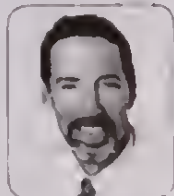


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